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VIBORG FIGHTING



Helsinki, To-day.

The Russians are launching unceasing mass attacks on the whole of the western end of the Karelian Isthmus; the Finns are resisting desperately but were forced to retire in some places.

Most bitter fighting centres around Viborg, where the Russians, at heavy cost, have gained a foothold in the ruins of the town.

Although Viborg is no longer of strategic importance to the Finns they are continuing the resistance on the principle of never conceding ground without inflicting the maximum loss on the enemy.

SURROUNDING VIBORG

In Moscow yesterday a communique stated that the Soviet troops continue to surround Viborg and have occupied the hamlet of Saarela, north of Viborg, and the island of Tupuransari, south of Viborg.

There is nothing of importance in the other sectors, the communique concludes. — Reuter.

BOMBAY STRIKE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bombay, To-day.

No less than 150,000 spinning workers will go on strike to-day unless last minute arrangements can be put through.

The Arbitration Court proposed a wage increase of 10 per cent, but the workers are holding out for 15 per cent. — Havas.

WHITE PAPER STIRS UP PASSIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jerusalem, To-day.

Palestinian Jews are rioting against the White Paper governing the transfer of land owned by Palestinian Arabs or in Palestinian Arab sections of the country.

At Haifa, the police had to dismantle blockades. Several wounded—both police and rioters—were taken to hospital.

At Tel-Aviv, a curfew was imposed on Saturday. — Havas.

B.I. SHIP BOMBED IN THE CHANNEL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A tragically heavy death-roll is feared as the result of an attack by German bombers on the B.I. steamer Domala (8,441 tons) in the Channel yesterday.

Several direct hits were scored on the vessel and it is believed that the list of casualties exceeds 150.

It is understood that there were a number of Britons returning from India on board.

The attack is reported to have been carried out by three Heinkels, and five direct hits are believed to have been registered.

The attack was carried out in moonlight at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The ship was sunk.

Rough seas prevented rescue boats from approaching the scene. — Havas.

THEY WANT ANOTHER "GRAF SPEE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

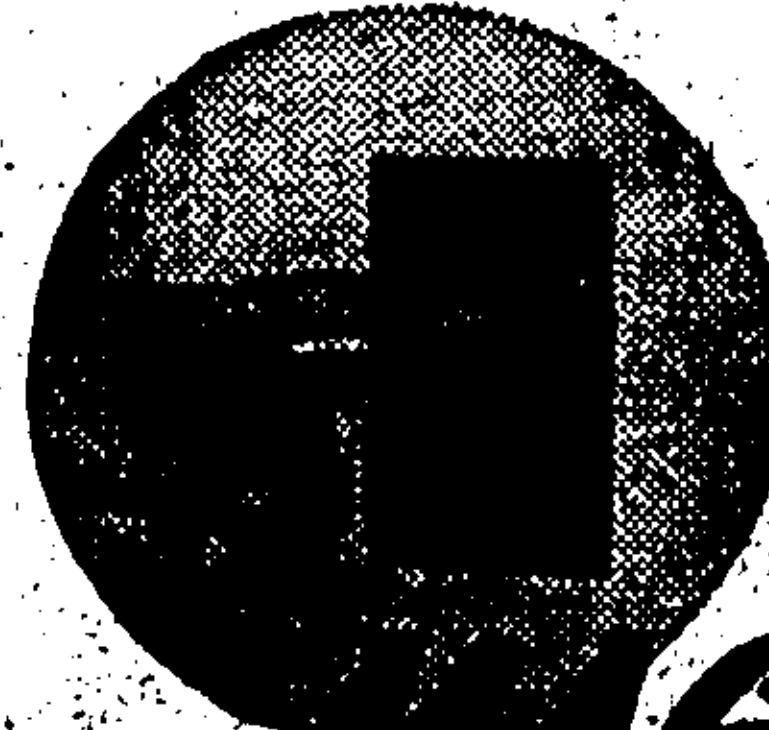
Amsterdam, To-day.

Public donations are at present being sought throughout Germany to build a sister-ship to the scuttled Graf Spee. — Havas.

AFTER THE RED RAIDERS HAD PASSED—This remarkable picture, just received in Hong Kong, gives some idea of the terrible destruction caused by the Soviet bombs after a raid on a town in Northern Finland. The skeleton of this once beautiful church burns fiercely after being hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

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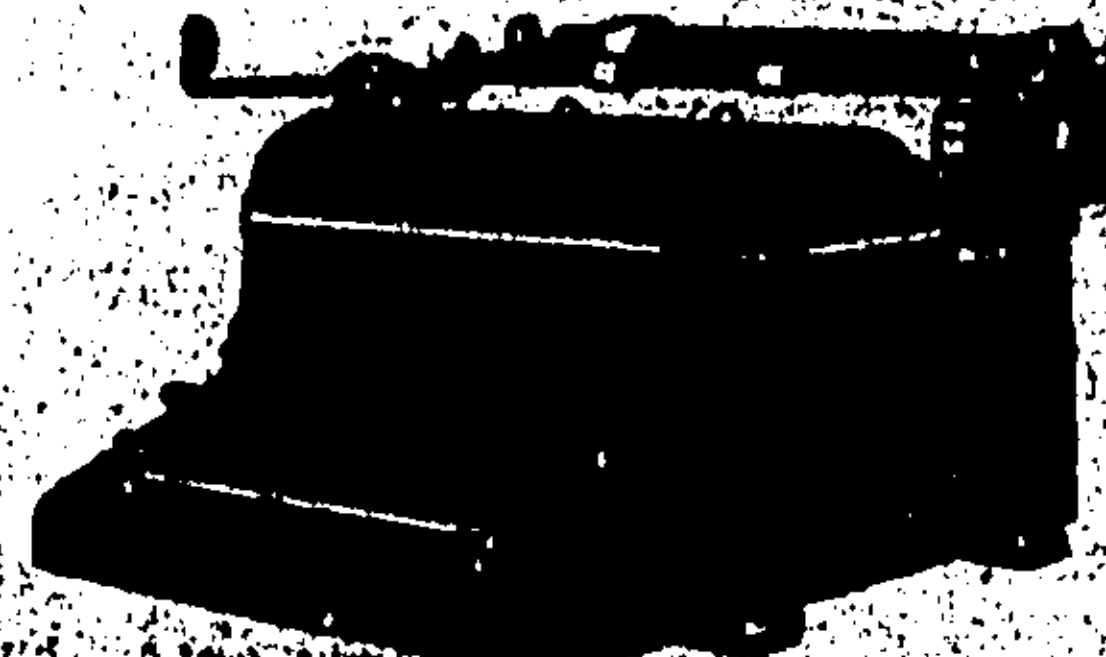
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ITALIAN NEWSPAPER OUTBURST

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Rome, To-day.

The Italian Press has renewed its outbursts against Britain, following London's decision to extend the embargo to German coal exports to Italy.

"Regime Fascista" asserts that the British are motivated by the Italian refusal to sell arms to Britain.

"Britain wants to compel Italy to buy Welsh coal, and thereby compel Italian shipping to run risks in the North Sea," the paper continues.

"The present conflict could assume terrible proportions should such intimidation continue to be adopted towards neutrals." — Havas.

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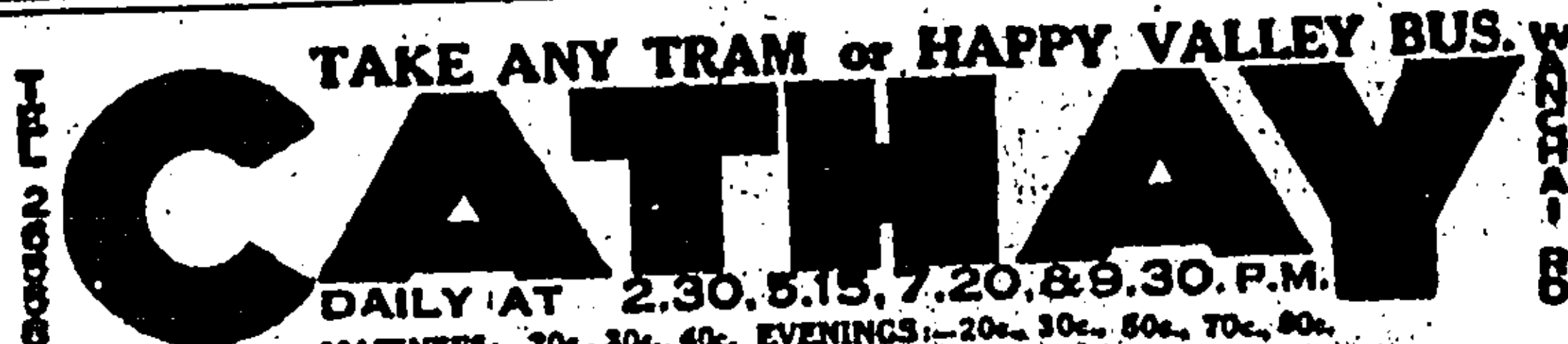
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EXPORTS OF COAL TO ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
LONDON, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON THE ALLIED
DECISION TO STOP GERMAN COAL
SHIPMENTS TO ITALY, THE "SUN-
DAY TIMES" SAYS THAT AT THE
MOMENT THE PRINCIPAL OB-
STACLE TO A COMMERCIAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN ITALY
AND THE ALLIES LIES IN THE
DESIRE OF THE LATTER TO LIMIT
THEIR PURCHASES TO HEAVY
MATERIALS, WHILE THE ITA-
LIANS WANT TO SELL THEM
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

For practical reasons, chiefly of
cost, it is not practicable for Italy to
buy her coal requirements in the
United States, and, says the "Sunday
Times," a commercial agreement with
Britain would be a solution.

For this reason, there is a certain
amount of optimism about the trade
talks, which will be continued.

Turning its attention to the Near
East, the "Sunday Times" declares
that authorised circles state that Tur-
key is not prepared to give assurances
of non-intervention if the U.S.S.R. or
Germany should undertake an aggres-
sion in the Balkans or in any region
where Turkey's vital interests will be
affected.

The Allies are ready for any Rus-
sian move in the Near East, the pa-
per concludes. The danger continues
and the greatest vigilance there is
necessary.—Havas.

PRESS LORD TO DISPOSE OF OLD MASTERS

London, To-day.

Lord Rothermere has decided to dis-
perse his private collection of paint-
ings, built up during 40 years and par-
ticularly notable in its representation
of Italian old masters.

Lord Rothermere has cabled from

AUSTRALIAN ELECTION

MELBOURNE, TO-DAY.
FINAL FIGURES IN THE IM-
PORTANT CORIO (VICTORIA) BY-
ELECTION ARE NOT YET AVAIL-
ABLE AND THE VOTES ARE STILL
BEING COUNTED.

Mr. Curtin, leader of the Labour
Party, commenting on the result hi-
therto known, declared the electors
had rendered a service to all Aus-
tralia.

An obligation now rested on the
Premier to respect "this significant
decision." Labour's well-known war
aims had been endorsed.—Reuter.

TRADE TALKS BETWEEN NAZIS AND HOLLAND

The Hague, Yesterday.

Trade talks between the Nether-
lands and Germany have concluded.

The talks were principally con-
cerned with the execution of cur-
rent trade treaties.

It was decided to prolong the
existing clearing treaty until June
30, 1941. — Reuter.

SOVIET WOMEN IN WAR TRAINING

Copenhagen, Yesterday.

Soviet Russia's first women's mili-
tary brigade is now in training for
active service against Finland, ac-
cording to a Moscow Radio announce-
ment picked up here.

Led by a famous woman Com-
munist, they are to take part in the
fighting on the Finnish front as
soon as their training is completed.
—Reuter.

Egypt announcing the decision, offer-
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tional Gallery and indicating that
additional gifts may follow. — Reu-
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CHEUNG CHAU CHILDREN'S ESCAPE

At 1:30 on Sunday morning residents on the eastern end of Cheung Chow island had their faces showered with broken glass, heard shrapnel splattering into their rooms and on roof tops, as the loud blast of an exploding mine startled them awake.

There were no casualties but every one of the ten or more nearest houses suffered the breaking of from half a dozen to four dozen panes of glass. Doors were splintered, and even a bar in place against the strong east wind was lifted from its hooks and shot about.

Number 11A, belonging to the military, was near enough to receive a shower of the black contents of the mine.

Shrapnel, from small wicked splinters to jagged chunks, weighing five pounds or more, have been picked up from porches, roads and playgrounds which in the afternoons and early evenings are usually full of dozens of playing children. That the hazard to them was lessened to the two or three pieces that went through windows to land harmlessly, though only a few feet from them as they slept, is the rosy lining to this bit of war cloud.

A second though smaller, or more distant explosion occurred within five minutes of the first. A third was heard three hours or so later. These occurred to the west and north of the Island.

200,000 TONS HELD UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
ROME, TO-DAY.

A FORMAL PROTEST HAS BEEN LODGED IN LONDON OVER THE ALLIED DECISION TO STOP GERMAN SHIPMENTS OF COAL TO ITALY.

It is stated here that 200,000 tons of coal were on the Italian ships which turned back, on instructions, to Rotterdam.

Meanwhile, ships which left Holland before the midnight time limit are proceeding on their way to Italy undisturbed.—Havas.

ACCIDENT OUTSIDE THE GLOUCESTER

A motor accident occurred outside the Gloucester Hotel shortly before 1 p.m. to-day when a luggage coolie, Kwok Chun employed at the Gloucester Hotel, was knocked down by a motor-car, No. 969.

The coolie was later admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with serious injuries to the head.

HEALTH RETURNS

Two cases of smallpox, both in Victoria, were included in yesterday's Health Returns.

Other diseases notified in the Colony yesterday were 21 tuberculosis, two measles, two chickenpox, one diphtheria and one meningitis.

Because the complainant was still in hospital with serious injuries, Tam Yu, 20, market coolie, and Wong Mun, 20, market foki, were remanded for three days when charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning with inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Chan Chuen at Waterloo Road on Friday. Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston is in charge of the case.

THEFT FROM DODWELL'S

Ho Ki, 18, unemployed, was brought before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with the theft of 144 typewriter-ribbons, from Messrs. Dodwell and Company.

Detective-Sergeant J. Forrest told the Court that a Chinese went to Dodwell's and ordered 144 typewriter-ribbons. The man asked that the goods be delivered to a shop in Des Voeux Road Central. A messenger was sent with the man. On arrival outside the shop Ho Ki told the messenger to leave the ribbons with him, and to follow the man inside to collect the money. When the messenger went into the shop he found the man who ordered the ribbons, was missing, and when he came out, defendant had also disappeared.

Defendant was later arrested on information, and 109 ribbons were recovered.

Defendant was remanded for further enquiries.

PROMPT WORK BY POLICE

Prompt work by the police under Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey prevented a would-be robbery on Saturday night, it was revealed this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy when five Chinese were charged with conspiracy to rob the occupants of No. 308, Shanghai Street, second floor. All accused pleaded guilty and were remanded for three days in police custody for further enquiries and to check their record.

Inspector Carey said that 8 p.m. on Saturday, all accused, except the third, were arrested at the junction of Reclamation and Kiangsu Streets. Third accused was arrested in front of the house, where he was apparently waiting for his accomplices.

FIGHT OUTSIDE THE ALHAMBRA

Two employees of the Alhambra Theatre and three Portuguese students were this morning bound over by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for fighting in front of the cinema on Saturday night.

Accused were Lau Siu-fan, 29, booking office clerk, Chan Piu, 22, cinema coolie, Hugo Pedruce, 17, and his 14-year-old brother, of No. 518, Nathan Road, and Dicky Gutterries, 17, of No. 308, Sai Yeung Choi Street; the last three were all students.

ARMS CHARGE

A 35-year-old unemployed, Wong Man, was remanded by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning when he was charged with the unlawful possession of an automatic pistol, a magazine and six rounds of ammunition. It was alleged that the arms were found in defendant's possession in Tin Hau Temple Road, Causeway Bay.

Sergeant Pockson is in charge of the case.

KIDNAPPING REPORT

A Chinese evening paper reports that two men entered the second floor of No. 29, Shing Wo Street, Happy Valley, yesterday and kidnapped two young girls. They also took the children's clothes with them; it is added.

The inspector on duty at the Wan-chai Police Station, under whose jurisdiction the area is, stated this afternoon that he knew nothing about the alleged incident.

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R.A.F. Again Visit Berlin: Leaflets And Flares Dropped GREETED BY A.A. BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS

London, To-day.

AN OUTSTANDING FEATURE of the war in the air has been the long-distance flights over Germany by the R.A.F., and a talk on these flights was given by a BBC Observer yesterday.

The significance of these flights, carried out by day and by night, lay in the fact that the 'planes flew over fortified or strategic points ranging from Borkum and Sylt to Bremen, Cuxhaven, Hamburg, Prague, Munich and Berlin itself, in flights covering thousands of miles of German territory.

The flights must have been "awkward" for the Nazis, who have been constantly and confidently telling the German people that no British 'plane could possibly penetrate German territory.

A major purpose of the flights was to get useful information about enemy activity—unusual movements of railway trains or of transport by road, which might indicate the speeding up of preparations for an offensive.

Also, British airmen now have more practical knowledge of the Nazi anti-aircraft defences and how the black-out is working. They also keep a sharp look-out for German warships and for mine-laying seaplanes.

LEAFLETS IN BERLIN STREETS

The pamphlets they dropped might be described as an experiment in education of the German people on the real facts. Hundreds of thousands have been dropped all over Germany,

even littering the main streets of Berlin itself.

An astonishing feature of the flights was the almost total lack of opposition. Perhaps this was because the Germans did not wish to use all the means at their disposal unless the British 'planes dropped bombs. Or again, it was possibly that the Nazi fighters are not so effective in the dark. Whatever the reason, the R.A.F. has no cause for complaint!

Meanwhile, the Fighter and Coastal Commands have not been inactive, chasing Nazi bombers, hunting for U-boats and mines and helping the Navy with the convoys. There have been reconnoitring flights over the German lines.

Concluding, the Observer said:—"So far, the war in the air has only

STALIN RUMOURS UNFOUNDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.
Rumours that Stalin was ill are totally unfounded. It was asserted here yesterday.

Stalin attended the opera last night with a number of Soviet officials and foreign diplomats. He seemed in the best spirits.—Havas.

amounted to outpost skirmishes. What is going to happen next? It would be very rash to prophesy.—Reuter.

Becoming A Habit

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY STATED THAT A NUMBER OF BRITISH BOMBERS FLEW OVER BERLIN ON SATURDAY NIGHT, FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN SIX DAYS, DROPPING LEAFLETS AND PARACHUTE FLARES IN ORDER TO MAKE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN.

Numerous searchlights, ranging in colour from bluish white to red and yellow, were seen during the flight, though the searchlights over Berlin were less active than usual.

Ground batteries outside Berlin opened fire but leaflets were successfully dropped.

An enemy fighter was seen during the early stages of the flight but no engagement occurred.

The flight lasted 10 hours and all our machines returned safely.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Berlin was visited by the R.A.F. on Saturday night, for the fifth time in six days. The R.A.F. 'planes, which flew over Nordheim, Sylt and Borkum, meet with intense anti-aircraft fire aided by searchlights.

The R.A.F. 'planes were also greeted with anti-aircraft fire as they flew over Berlin and dropped leaflets and flares to let the Germans know they were there. All got home safely, after a 10-hour flight.—Reuter.

FLIGHT OVER SYLT

London, To-day.

The flight over Berlin lasted 10 hours and all the British aircraft returned safely to their bases.

While on standing patrol over enemy seaplane bases last night aircraft of the R.A.F. Bomber Command encountered intense fire from enemy guns of heavy calibre working in close co-operation with searchlights.

The Germans, however, failed to prevent the patrol carrying out its work and the presence of British aircraft over Sylt, Norderney and Borkum again enforced a strict blackout.

On one occasion an enemy twin-engine aircraft was seen in the distance, momentarily caught in the glare of searchlights which previously had flashed across one of the British bombers. A few lights which were observed at the beginning of the patrol were extinguished as soon as the R.A.F. aircraft flew towards them.

On such patrols each aircraft flies something more than 800 miles.—British Wireless.

RUSH TO JOIN R.A.F.

London, Yesterday.

The Air Ministry announces: "More than 13,000 radio enthusiasts have applied for enrolment in the new R.A.F. trade of radio mechanic announced by the Air Ministry three weeks ago. This magnificent response has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the signal experts of the R.A.F."—British Wireless.

GOEBBELS INVENTS SOME MORE

Berlin, To-day.

Broadcasting at the opening of the Leipzig Fair yesterday, the Propaganda Minister, Joseph Goebbels, declared the scales of success were slowly but surely inclining in favour of Germany.

"The Fuehrer cannot conceive the possibility that we should be defeated in the decisive struggle.

"We are a match for our enemies also in the economic field but let us remember also that in 1918 we did not succumb because our enemies were then economically superior to us. We lost because we lost our nerve."

BOOSTS HIMSELF

Dr. Goebbels declared Germany compared favourably with her enemies in regard to political leaders.

"This is why the German nation is confident of victory and the destruction of enemies who want the annihilation of our national freedom and who are threatening our life."—Reuter.

FRENCH AIR FORCE OVER GERMANY

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LIKE THEIR BRITISH CO-FRERES, THE FRENCH AIR FORCE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LAST DAY OR TWO, FRENCH RECONNAISSANCE PLANES FLYING DEEP OVER GERMANY BY BOTH DAY AND NIGHT.

There were several encounters with the enemy. In one case, a lone French reconnaissance machine ran into 13 Messerschmidt fighters. The French 'plane managed to wheel and get home safely.

In other flights, they brought down two German 'planes over Allied territory; these two are in addition to the Dornier bomber shot down by an R.A.F. "Hurricane" on Saturday.

During all these flights and fights, the Allies suffered no losses, although one or two 'planes were damaged. On the other hand, four German Messerschmidts were shot down by the R.A.F. over German territory, in one of the few combats between fighters.—Reuter.

ADMIRALS ON ACTIVE LIST

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that the King has approved that in future Admirals of the Fleet shall be borne on the active list of the Royal Navy for life and that those on the retired list be restored to the active list.

His Majesty has further approved that promotion to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet be governed by the rule that three but not more than three of the holders of this rank shall be of less than five years seniority in rank.

In consequence the following officers are restored to the active list:—Admirals of the Fleet Sir Henry Oliver, Sir Osmond de B. Brock, Sir Roger Keyes, Sir Frederick Field and Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt.—British Wireless.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

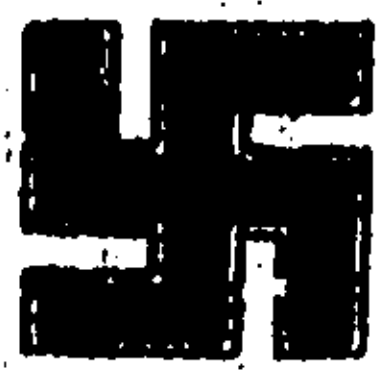


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— ALL THEY HAVE

(By A NEUTRAL OBSERVER)

ALMOST THE FIRST THING I did after arriving in Danzig was to go out to look at the harbour. I may say it was quite something to venture out of doors at all, with the temperature below zero. But it was worth it.

The harbour is partially blocked. I saw the masts of ships the Poles had sunk in the fairway sticking out of the ice.

A channel, kept open by icebreakers, allows craft to steal up to the moorings that are not occupied by submerged and half-submerged steamers and barges.

The Germans have been hard at work trying to raise the sunken vessels. But they have a tough job of it. There is not only the ice to hamper them.

In one of the pubs by the Danzig waterside I heard some men talking about salvage operations in Gdynia harbour.

They said the Poles had filled the block ships with cement, which made them almost immovable, and, in addition, they had put mines on board. These mines had already cost the lives of several divers sent down to work on the ships.

I wasn't able to go into Gdynia. No one is allowed in there without a very special pass. And that pass they wouldn't give me.

All the Poles who had not been evacuated from Gdynia when the war began have been turned out. The Germans have sent them to the interior and to concentration camps. Some apparently managed to get away to the Baltic States.

In Danzig, on the other hand, I found there was still a small Polish colony.

If their life is any indication of what is happening to Poles in Poland proper, I don't wonder at the Germans warning me that any attempt on my part to penetrate into Poland or Czecho-Slovakia would mean my

"Those two women are Poles. Now do you understand?"

"No," I replied.

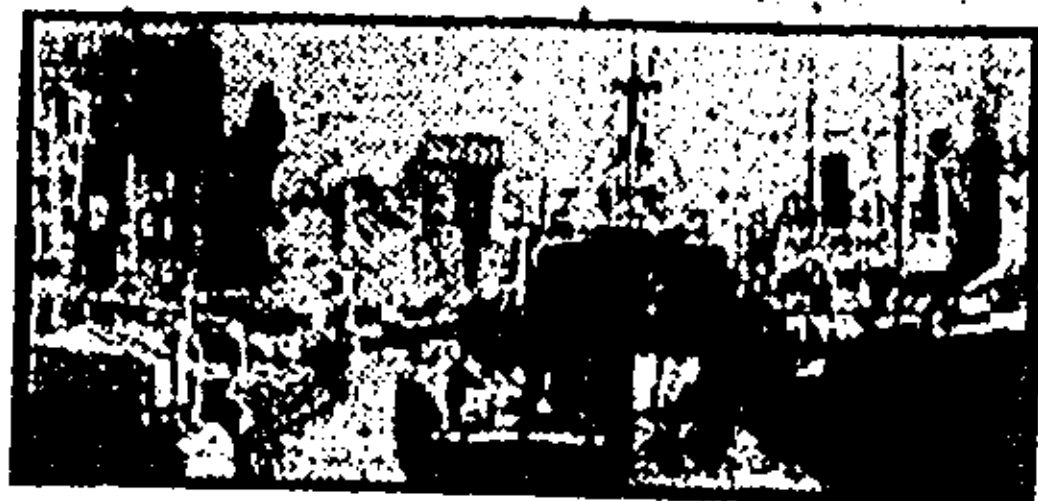
"Well," he said, "They are buying from that stall because they have to wait until the German women have finished buying. They are not allowed to stand in the same queue with German women. They are Poles. Offal is good enough for them."

"And they are wearing those summer clothes because they are the only clothes they have. They lost the rest."

"How on earth did they lose them?"

"They lost them, if you must know, at the beginning of the war, when their homes and property were seized. As a matter of fact, I know those two women. They are the wife and daughter of a Polish merchant."

"Their family have been living, in fact, in Danzig for centuries. And



Near the Crane Gate Danzig

that, I fancy, is the only reason why they are being allowed to go on living here at all. Now don't ask me any more."

But he went on all the same. "There are fur coats going cheap here," he said, with apparent carelessness, "if you pay for them in foreign currency. They say they used to belong to Poles."

I thought of this remark when I got out of Germany into a neutral country again. For the first things I saw in the window of the official bureau of the German State Railways were furs offered for sale under the slogan: "German furs are best."

Danzig was full of stories of Poland. But they were not told in sympathy with the Poles. In Danzig there is nothing but hatred and hostility for the Poles.

The Danzigers reckon it is their turn once more to rule the Vistula country, and they mean to do so in such a way that no resurrection of Poland shall be possible.

"The Poles must be Germanised or exterminated," one Nazi said to me, and he himself, to judge by his name, was, I should say, a Germanised Pole.

The priests in the villages, he said, were encouraging the peasants to stupid demonstrations of resistance. They are mad enough, some of them, to go hanging out the Polish flag from



"Free City"—from the air

their houses. Well, then they get shot."

German peasant leaders have been sent into the country to organise the settling of German immigrants on the large estates.

Those Polish aristocrat owners of these estates who hadn't got abroad before the Germans came have mostly been shot or imprisoned.

Some took refuge in one of the neutral-legation buildings in Warsaw, which, apparently, have become asylums for them with the placid permission of the Reichswehr authorities.

The German civil servants of the regular administration who have been sent to Poland seem to be having a tough time coping with these radical Nazis.

From a neutral in Danzig I heard how a German princess had telephoned to an official in Lodz to ask him whether something could be done to help a Polish countess who was a friend of hers.

"I'll gladly do all I can, princess," said the official. "But I don't know how things stand in the countess's district. If there's one of those peasant leaders running wild there, then I'm afraid the intervention of a German princess may be the death verdict for the countess. But I'll do what I can to save her."

Even in the cinemas the Danzigers can't stop gloating over the Poles. I found them still showing the film of the bombardment and capture of the Westerland, Gdynia and the Peninsula of Hel. It had been running since the end of October.

You should have heard them cheering. They like it so much, that film,

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TO-MORROW

that they go to see it again and again. I should like to have visited the Westerplatte, but there again I was not allowed to go. Nor was I allowed to visit the Schichau Shipbuilding Company, which I could see was going full blast. They say they are building submarines there.

The only sign of the fighting I saw was at a Polish post office in Danzig, where Polish postmen and police had held out against S.S. storm battalions.

The front part of the building had a great hole shot in it; about sixty feet in diameter it was, I should say. I could see through it the wrecked staircases and debris which had rooms behind.

Workmen were cleaning up the inside while I looked on. The synagogue was also wrecked. But this was only mob work. Not the result of shelling. Nothing was left of the synagogue but a heap of loose bricks



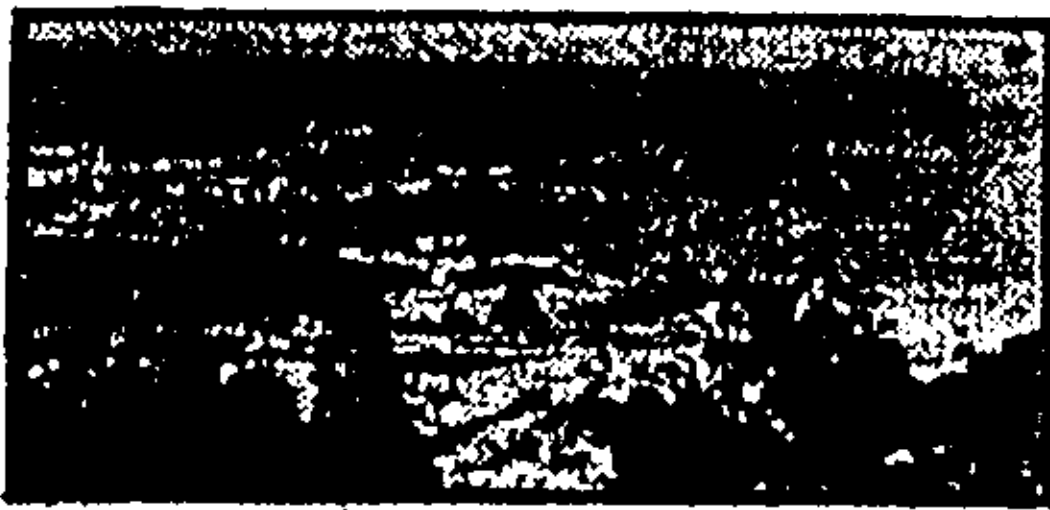
Danzig has a two-branched river which joins Vistula

and broken clumps of masonry.

In one way Danzig is better off than other German towns I went to. It is being allowed slightly better rations. And they have not been compelled to share their stocks of cigarettes made with genuine tobacco with the ersatz tobacco smokers of the rest of the Reich.

No doubt this has been done to make the Danzigers feel welcome on rejoining the Fatherland. But the preferential treatment is coming to an end now. By the beginning of next month Danzigers will be on the same short commons as the rest of Germany.

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arrest, expulsion, or perhaps worse things still.

It was in the market that I saw them. Two women in flimsy, bedraggled summer dresses, cotton kitchen cloths tied round their heads, stood shivering by a vegetable stall. The stall had sold out of all but a frostbitten cabbage, a few turnip roots, and six or seven rejected potatoes.

Timidly the two women asked whether they might buy them and what the price was.

"Heavens! Why don't they go to one of the better stalls?" I said to my companion. "There seems to be better stuff at the other stalls where those other women are buying. And why do they wear those ridiculous frocks in this freezing weather?"

"You ask too many questions, my friend," said my guide, sardonically.

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Finns Fighting Every Inch Of The Way VIBORG STILL HOLDS

FINNS LOSE 17,000 MEN IN DEFENCE OF CITY

Stockholm, To-day.

AS SOON AS THE RUSSIANS complete the occupation of Viborg the Finns will have to fall back to new lines behind the city which were recently constructed and the strength of which is a matter for considerable speculation.

The speed of the Russian advance on the west side of the Karelian Isthmus recently has come as a surprise. Finnish losses in the defence of Viborg have been heavier than at any other time during the war, one estimate being 17,000, which is far more than the small Finnish army can afford.

These losses were undoubtedly partly due to the need to hold parts of the Mannerheim Line at any cost while other defences were being quickly constructed in the rear.

The Finns are reported to have held one shell-wrecked position while concrete positions to the rear were given time to harden.

The Finnish communique says that in the west of the Isthmus enemy pressure continued. The Soviet attacks generally were repulsed but at some points the Finnish troops retired to new positions according to plan.

SEVERE LOSSES

In the east of the Isthmus the Finnish artillery dispersed enemy forces which were concentrating for an attack and inflicted severe losses on them. At least nine tanks and several guns were destroyed. Fighting continues.

North-east of Lake Ladoga there was lively artillery and patrol activity; the enemy's attempts to advance were checked.

Enemy attacks at Kollanjoki and Altojoki were repulsed. The enemy lost about 1,000 killed at Kollanjoki. An enemy infantry attack in the direction of Kuhmo was repulsed and some fortified points taken.

AIR ACTIVITY

Finnish aircraft bombed enemy columns and railway lines. Enemy aircraft were active on the Isthmus and north-east of Lake Ladoga and also bombed several places in the interior, including Lahti, Tampere and Turku. Eight civilians were killed and about 10 wounded. It is confirmed that 17 Soviet planes were brought down during the day besides six doubtful cases.—Reuter.

FIGHTING EVERY INCH

Helsinki, To-day.

The Russians are still in the process of occupying Viborg. They claim to have taken the main station and the southern part of the town and to be clearing in on it from the north.

The Finns are fighting every inch of the way, and according to the latest reports from that sector, have not yet abandoned the city. They are, however, withdrawing deliberately to strong positions behind the town and are making the Russians pay heavily for the smoking ruins; there is hand-to-hand fighting in the suburbs.

The Finns have lost a great number of men in the defence of Viborg, more possibly than at any other time during the whole war. This is due partly

to the fact that the defences in some parts of the Mannerheim Line have had to be held at all costs while others were being built.

In one case, Finnish soldiers held onto shell-wrecked positions while strong concrete dug-outs behinds were given time to harden.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FINN VICTORY

Helsinki, To-day.

While the Finns continue to struggle heroically around and in Viborg, news comes of another striking Finnish victory north-east of Lake Ladoga, where the Finns are now mopping up the 34th Soviet Tank Brigade, which had been sent to the assistance of the 18th Soviet Division. Over 2,000 Russians have been killed, including the commander of the Brigade and the leader of the Division. The latter took refuge with the Brigade, but met death all the same.

The Finnish booty includes 105 tanks and 200 motor lorries.

The 34th Brigade and the 18th Division had planned to operate together. The Finns, however, separated them by cutting all communications and then proceeded to annihilate them separately. Neither knew what was happening, or had happened, to the other.

AIR ACTIVITY

Meanwhile, both air forces were active over a wide area.

Finnish planes bombed reserve troops and stocks of munitions being moved up to the front, while Soviet planes bombed the Finnish lines and several villages in the interior.

The Finns claim to have brought down 15 Soviet planes—eight of them for certain, and a "probable" seven, others.—Havas.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT APPOINTED

London, To-day.

The Finnish Air Bureau announces that Major Kermit Roosevelt has been granted permission by the War Office to resign his commission in the British Army and has been appointed officer commanding the British contingent of the international volunteer force to fight in Finland.

He will have the rank of colonel.—Reuter.

STRATEGIC TURKISH RAILWAYS

Istanbul, To-day.

A message from Ankara states that orders placed in Britain for 58 locomotives and 300 trucks, valued at approximately £2,000,000, will be completed by the end of the war.

Part of the equipment has already arrived and the whole will be used on new lines now being speedily completed linking Turkey with Iran, via Erzurum, and with Iraq, via Diarbekir.—Reuter.

NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SUBJECT TO FORMAL CONFIRMATION BY GENERAL MANNERHEIM, COLONEL KERMIT ROOSEVELT HAS BEEN APPOINTED COLONEL OF THE BRITISH CONTINGENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WHICH IS SHORTLY LEAVING FOR FINLAND.

Col. Roosevelt, although an American citizen, held a commission in the British Army, both in this and the last war, which he has now resigned to take up his new appointment.

He said yesterday he came to England again because the cause is still the same as in the last war. "The issue is so clear that there can be no two ways about it. We have got to put down once for all the rule of force and tyranny in Europe."

Saying how much he appreciated the appointment to head the British volunteer force in Finland, Col. Roosevelt continued that the Finns have shown themselves to be second to none in ability to play the part of David against Goliath.—British Wireless.

PICTURE OF BRITAIN UNDER NAZIS

London, To-day.

Speaking at a Labour Party demonstration yesterday afternoon, Mr. Herbert Morrison gave a picture of Britain if Hitler had been left to acquire further territories and military power which would enable him successfully to become master of Europe.

Had that happened, Mr. Morrison said, liberties would have disappeared and Britain would probably have been doomed to the same enslavement which the German people had suffered for the past seven years, which he described as "a lying Government, a controlled press, steadily faked broadcasting, suppression of all political parties other than Fascism, secret police, private spying even to the extent of children spying against their own parents, corruption of the mind of childhood and youth, destruction of trade unions, confiscation of properties and the savings of co-operators."

This, he said, was a picture of life for the neutrals unless Germany was defeated, and he concluded: "Let it not be forgotten that victory is essential."

He appealed to "men and women of good outlook" to see that in the peace settlement justice is done and aggression made impossible.—British Wireless.

NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE WHITE SEA

Stockholm, To-day.

Activity by Allied and Russian naval units in the White Sea is reported by the "Aftonbladet" correspondent in the Lofoten Islands.

The correspondent, however, says no details of the strength of the units are available.—Reuter.

TRIALS OF BLACKOUT NOW JUST A MEMORY

London, To-day.

SIX MONTHS AGO LONDONERS were having their first experience of the blackout and groping their way about unlighted streets amid traffic reduced to a crawl by the darkness in which the hastily covered lights of motor cars and omnibuses gave little aid to drivers.

Many a pedestrian found well-known streets and squares had become strange and unfamiliar and pavements over which he had strode confidently for years suddenly beset with unexpected traps and pitfalls.

Some householders moved about in darkened homes having made no provision for screening their house lights. Theatres and cinemas were closed. At omnibus halts in the streets crowds clamoured to be told the number or destination of vehicles as their ghostly forms drew up by the kerbs, while tube railway passengers joining trains at stations outside tunnels had the eerie sensation of entering dark compartments and stumbling, guided only by the voices of fellow travellers, to seats which not always proved unoccupied.

JUST A MEMORY

After six months these early im-

pressions of the blackout are already dim memories. The authorities have relaxed the restrictions to the furthest point consistent with defence requirements after exhaustive tests in which the R.A.F. co-operated.

Places of entertainment are again open. Devices providing subdued but effective lighting have been fitted to a large number and are being fitted to all public conveyances. Batteries for torches are once again readily obtainable. The dark exterior of houses conceals normal illumination within.

The average Londoner has got used to the blackout and suffers little inconvenience from it. He finds that by the reduction of street lighting he has not lost very much, and he has gained new awareness of the night sky and the unexpected revelations of beauty of many of his buildings in the moonlight.—British Wireless.

KREMLIN TERMS FOR PEACE IN FINNISH WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE AMSTERDAM CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY EXPRESS" REPORTS THAT HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF STALIN'S LATEST PEACE CONDITIONS WHICH THE SOVIET DICTATOR IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT AFTER THE FALL OF VIBORG.

The following are the main points of the peace plan:
The main Mannerheim Line positions to remain in Russian hands;

The forts of Kolhito and other fortifications in the Viborg area to be given to the Russians;

Islands in the Gulf of Finland to become Russian, while Russia would control Petsamo for at least 10 years; The Finnish Government to be reshuffled.

NEGOTIATIONS STARTED

Diplomatic negotiations are said to have been started but are being surrounded with secrecy.

Important facts in these demands, the correspondent points out, is that Stalin insists on possession of Hangoe and that he has given up the idea of maintaining the bogus Finnish regime in power.

The correspondent adds that both Spanish and German diplomats have made every effort to induce the Finns to negotiate with the Kremlin.—Havas.

MAN-LIFE REPORT

The Directors of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, report substantial gains in Business in Force, Income and Assets at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting.

Business in Force increased to £121,286,254, a very satisfactory gain of £3,564,521. New Business, including Deferred Annuities, amounted to £11,534,310. Total income was £7,206,151, an increase of £74,013 over the corresponding figure for 1938. Payments to Policyholders and to Beneficiaries totalled £3,484,574, of which £2,654,689 was paid to living policyholders and £829,885 to beneficiaries in Death Claims.

The Assets increased by £2,144,638 during the year and amounted to £36,536,021. After making provision for all liabilities, including Policy and Annuity Reserves of £30,730,590, an amount of £211,119 was added to the Contingency Reserve and Surplus, bringing the Contingency Reserve to £616,438 and the Surplus to £967,656.

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NO QUESTION OF MISTAKE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE EARLY HOURS OF FRIDAY MORNING, WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK, GERMAN AIRMEN ATTACKED FOUR TRAWLERS FISHING IN THE NORTH SEA.

There was no question of mistaking these ships for anything else than what they actually were because the ships were burning working lights.

Orders to the German air force to attack hitherto unarmed fishing boats seems to be on the increase and since

TRAWLER BEATS OFF NAZI PLANE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A LIGHTSHIP CREW WERE SPECTATORS OF A GERMAN AIR ATTACK ON A TRAWLER EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

When the trawler returned to port the skipper related that a big plane roared past in the semi-darkness.

The skipper manned the gun and waited for its return. "When she came back and was dead in my sights she opened fire. I let go and as I was giving her a good drumfull her forward gun stopped and she turned her after gun on us, and then turned and fled." — Reuter.

two large German aeroplanes attacked the trawler "Trinity N. B." on December 18 and succeeded in sinking her and machinegunning her fishermen when they took to the boats, Nazi bombers have often engaged in these not too dangerous expeditions. Comparatively little damage yet has been done to boats and none to the morale of British fishermen who still regularly put to sea.—British Wireless.

BRITISH AND GERMAN SHIPS IN COLLISION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The British steamer Maltom and the German vessel Chiga collided in the Rotterdam Canal above Vlaaringen yesterday morning.

The British vessel was leaving port at the time but was compelled to return because of damage suffered in the collision. The German ship was also forced to return to its berth because of serious damage.—Havas.

260 DEAD IN RIVER DISASTER

Shanghai, To-day.

It is feared that 260 Chinese drowned as the result of the capsizing of the tender Kingshiang at Ningpo on Saturday afternoon, according to the Chinese press.

While 300 passengers were being conveyed in the tender to the German-owned steamer Mohlenhoff, which was preparing to sail for Shanghai, the air raid alarm sounded. In the ensuing panic the passengers are said all to have rushed to one side of the small craft, causing it to overturn.

Despite frantic rescue efforts only 40 were saved.—Reuter.

53rd ANNUAL REPORT Summary

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INCOME	7,132,138	7,206,151
CONTINGENCY RESERVE AND SURPLUS	1,372,975	1,584,094

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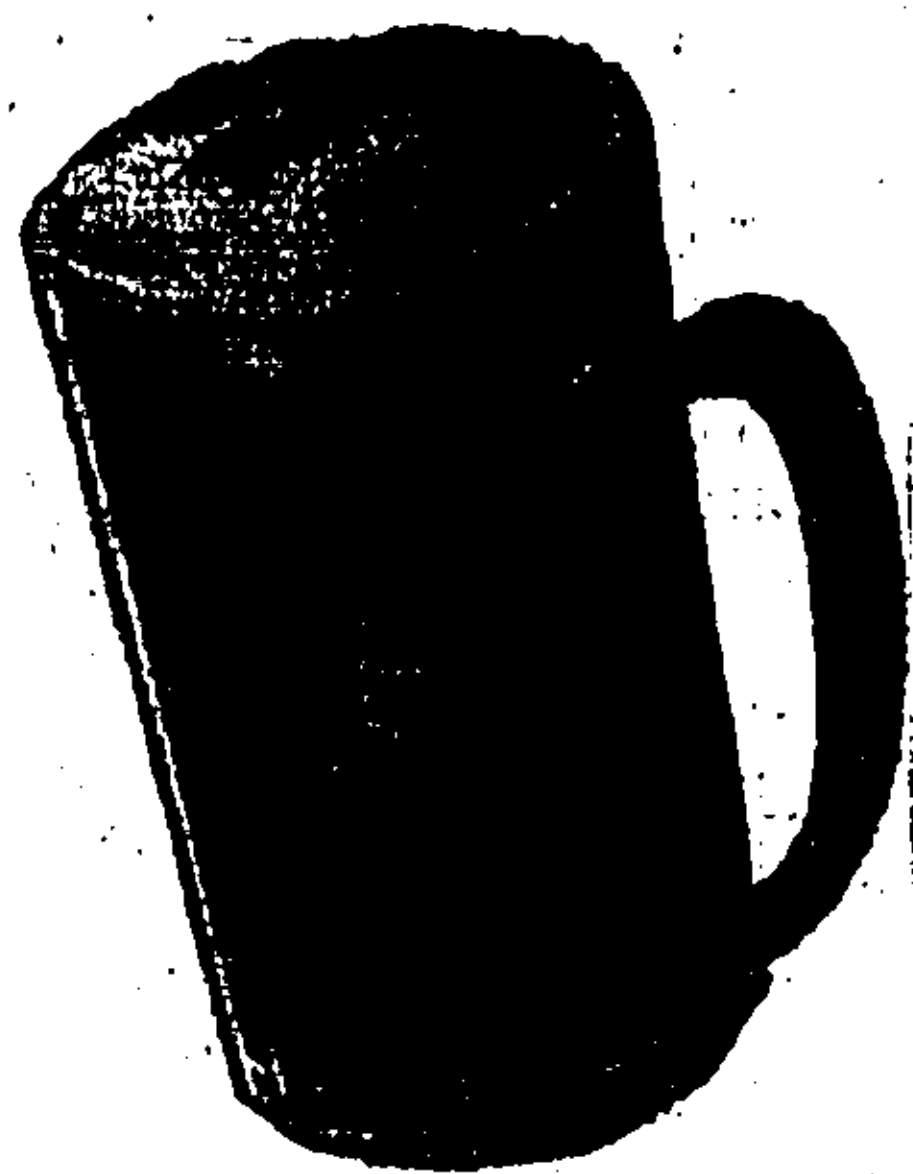
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

LABOUR AND THE WAR

The Labour party, supporting the war, finds itself defending its ideals on two fronts. It has to defend its ideals as a party of reform against a solid body of Conservative opinion while co-operating with that body in the national struggle. It has to defend its ideals as a party with a European outlook and a large view of foreign policy against critics who share its interest in domestic reform but reject that outlook and that large view. On the one side there is an outcry among Right-wing Conservatives when Mr. Attlee speaks in favour of some kind of international control of colonies; on the other pacifists of one school or another seek to use all the discontent caused by war conditions to undermine the resolution that sustains the war. All war thus creates difficulties for progressive parties. In this case the position of the Labour party has been made more difficult by the complete turn-round of the Communists. Twelve months ago the Communists agreed with the Labour party in calling for a stand against Hitlerism. To-day the Labour party in upholding that view is exposed to the incessant criticism not only of those who sincerely think peace more important than freedom but also of those who, under Stalin's influence, have abandoned their former ideas and taken to power politics in their worst form, making Imperialism, not British but Russian, their creed.

The little book that Mr. Greenwood has written, "Why We Fight," discussing Labour politics in both these aspects, serves a purpose of importance not only to the Labour party but to the nation. So also does the official declaration of Labour party policy on "The War and the Peace" which is issued this morning. For a vigorous and effective Labour party is essential to the strength and the health of the nation both during and after the war. The principles for which it stands are vital. Mr. Greenwood puts the case for those principles very well. He shows that the determination to resist Hitler is an integral part of the faith and will that made the working classes struggle, and struggle with great success, against conditions that enslaved them at home. He has a happy description of the trawler crews that sweep up mines, showing that they do this not merely because they are bred to the sea and its delights and dangers but because they would sail the seven seas seventy times rather than knuckle down to a system that would make them galley slaves. In urging the prosecution of the war the Labour party has against it the pacifist tradition that everybody respects as well as the less respectable dislike of the hardships of war and the new Communist logic.

On the other hand, the dislike of injustice and oppression is deeper in the working classes than in any other part of the community, and it is a great source of strength to the party. If we look back over the nineteenth century we can see how true this is. Take the contrast between the crusade of Bright and Cobden against the Crimean War and Gladstone's crusade against Disraeli's imperialism in the seventies. In the first case there was little popular response; in the second a popular response that returned Gladstone to power in 1880. Why was this difference? Because the Russian Tsar, against whom the Crimean War was fought, was the man who had cruelly ill-treated Poles and Hungarians. The working man saw him through the eyes of Kossuth. In the second case Disraeli was sustaining an oppressive power for reasons of empire. All this hatred of oppression is on the side of the Labour party. The Communists find themselves adopting the arguments of power politics by which, if con-

sistent, they must not only condone but applaud every wrong thing done by the British Empire in India, Ireland, and South Africa. Mr. Greenwood does right to take no tone of apology in stating the grounds of his party's foreign policy; that policy is based on the fundamental principles of its history.—"Manchester Guardian."

THE VICEROY AND MR. GANDHI

The failure of Monday's conversation between the Viceroy of India and Mr. Gandhi to produce results is surprising as well as disappointing. It was well prepared for by Mr. Gandhi's openly expressed approval of the speech made by the Viceroy at Bombay last month, when Lord Linlithgow emphasised the British Government's desire to see India attain Dominion status at the earliest moment possible. In the course of Monday's talk the Viceroy outlined what is on the face of it a reasonable and practical programme, pointing out that the best stepping-stone to Dominion status was the adoption of the federal scheme at present in cold storage, modified by agreement with the various parties concerned, and repeating the invitation to representatives of different Indian parties to accept seats forthwith on the Governor-General's Council. Mr. Gandhi, who had said at the outset of the talk that he was in a position to voice no one's views but his own, said at the end that the Viceroy's proposals did not in his view meet the all demand of the Congress Party and he desired to defer further discussion "with the object of a solution of the difficulties which had arisen." What this means is not clear. If the "full demand" of the Congress Party, which neither the Moslems nor the Princes approve, was to be accepted as it stood there would have been no need for discussion at all. There must obviously be compromise, and possibly Mr. Gandhi is hoping to engineer that. But it rather looks as though the sticking-point was a Congress demand that the future of India shall be settled by a Constituent Assembly of Indians over the heads of the British Government.—"The Spectator."

BY-ELECTIONS

Only 24 per cent. of the electorate recorded their votes at the Southwark by-election. The "Daily Herald," however, may well be right in estimating that this was really a 40 per cent. poll,

since thousands of voters had been evacuated or were on some form of service and prevented from voting. As it was, the Labour candidate came in comfortably, with Mr. Searson on a Stop the War appeal obtaining 1,500 votes, and Mrs. Van der Elst securing nearly as many on her

THIS ENGLAND!

The discontinuance of first-class on the Underground is only one of several jolts to the social code which the war is giving us. Not that it matters: we can all afford to be a little more democratic for a few months, just as we change our clocks every year in the same cause.—"Observer" in the Observer.

curiously personal candidature. Presumably the majority of the voters thought the issue unreal; they would all like to stop the war if they could, but are not prepared to stop it on Hitler's terms. Silvertown, where there is a by-election because Jack Jones has retired from politics, promises a livelier fight. Alderman Hollins, the Labour candidate, will be opposed by Mr. Harry Pollitt for the Communists, and also apparently by a Fascist candidate. In that case there will be two Stop the War candidates. Mr. Pollitt is the most forcible spokesman of Communism in this country. No one has so eloquently and bitterly denounced those who were prepared to make any kind of deal with Hitler before Stalin came to terms with the Nazis. Those who share Mr. Pollitt's doubts about the objects and possible results of the war, hope that he will use the opportunity of this election to tell us in plain language on what terms he now advocates peace with Hitler.—"New Statesman and Nation."

Hitler Gives Mr. Welles A Five-Point Programme NAZI CONDITIONS FOR PEACE

ITALIAN PROTEST TO BRITAIN

Rome, To-day.
A Note of protest against the blockading of German coal exported to Italy by sea was presented to the British Embassy yesterday afternoon.

It is not known whether this was a copy of the formal Note which Italian circles say will not be officially presented in London until to-day.—Reuter.

FOUR-INCH HAILSTONES IN KOWLOON

For the first time in the history of Hong Kong the falling of hail in the Colony was registered early this morning by the Royal Observatory.

In the Star Ferry-Yaumati area the stones measured at least two inches, but it is reported that stones measuring some four inches were picked up in the streets near Kowloon City.

A sudden thunderstorm broke over the mainland at 6.20 a.m. and five minutes later hail stones came shattering down, bringing many people out of bed.

The phenomenon occurred on Kowloon only, not even a single drop of rain falling on the Island during the period of the thunderstorm.

Roads were strewn with leaves which the hailstones tore from the trees, especially along Nathan Road between the Majestic Theatre and the Peninsula Hotel.

SMALL LANDSLIDES

Several small landslides occurred and roads were flooded in some areas. The junction of Waterloo Road and Nathan Road was flooded and hailstones floated all over the area, being washed down from hillside above the Kowloon Mortuary.

Mr. C. Jeffreys, Director of the Royal Observatory, told the "China Mail" this morning that this was not the first time that hail has fallen in the Colony but it was the first time that it has ever been registered by the Royal Observatory. Similar phenomena have previously occurred. It was the first time that he himself had seen hail in the Colony.

In one of the gutters at the Observatory, Mr. Jeffreys showed the "China Mail" representative a heap of hailstones which after two hours had not yet melted away.

Up to the time of going to press no reports have yet been received of any injuries from falling hailstones or of any damage done to buildings. No damage was suffered to the window panes of the taxi-cabs and the buses.

Hail fell between 6.25 a.m. and 6.32 a.m. and was accompanied by rain, of which, 0.18 inches were recorded between 5.30 a.m. and 6.30 a.m.

After the storm, many superstitious Chinese women and girls wandered in the streets and on hillside gathering hailstones in tins and baskets.

The belief is that hail-water consumed prolongs life.

Amsterdam, To-day.
ACCORDING TO THE Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf," Hitler laid a five-point programme before Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, at their interview on Saturday. The correspondent states Mr. Welles was told that before Germany laid down her arms she must see the following conditions fulfilled:—

CLUE TO FATE OF HANNIBAL

Calcutta, To-day.

A patch of oil seen by an R.A.F. plane was the only clue to the missing air liner Hannibal provided by yesterday's search.

It is not yet known whether definite conclusions can be drawn from this in regard to the Hannibal's fate.

An Imperial Airways flyingboat will continue the search to-day but the R.A.F. planes are returning to their bases.—Reuter.

ANXIETY INCREASING

Karachi, To-day.

R.A.F. and Imperial Airways machines are still searching for the Hannibal.

After searching the Arabian coast and again peninsula on Saturday they took off at dawn yesterday, states an Imperial Airways communique.

Anxiety is increasing as exhausting search fails to yield any clue.—Reuter.

The following are the names of the passengers and crew of the "Hannibal."

Passengers:—Air Commodore H. A. Whistler, Sir A. T. Pannirselvan, Mr. H. Hutchinson, Captain A. G. Bryan.

Crew:—Captain N. Townsend, First Officer F. J. Walsh, Radio Officer Tidbury, Steward Steventon.

GALLANT FRENCH ACTION

PARIS, TO-DAY.

FURTHER DETAILS HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE ABOUT A CLASH ON THE WESTERN FRONT WEST OF THE MOSELLE BETWEEN FRENCH AND GERMAN PATROLS ON SATURDAY.

A party of 30 French soldiers was surprised by 100 Germans, who attacked them from three sides. The French fought their way out and drove the Germans back in confusion; the Germans suffered somewhat heavy losses.

At midnight, at a point a few hundred yards further along, the Germans tried to raid the French lines; they were repulsed without difficulty.—Reuter.

AMBUSH SUCCEEDS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT IN THE COURSE OF A RAID WEST OF THE VOSGES THE ENEMY TOOK A FEW PRISONERS.

On the French side, in the region of Lauter, the French troops laid an ambush which succeeded.

There was marked activity of aerial forces on both sides.—Reuter.

CHINA'S SORROW BUSY AGAIN

Chungking, To-day.

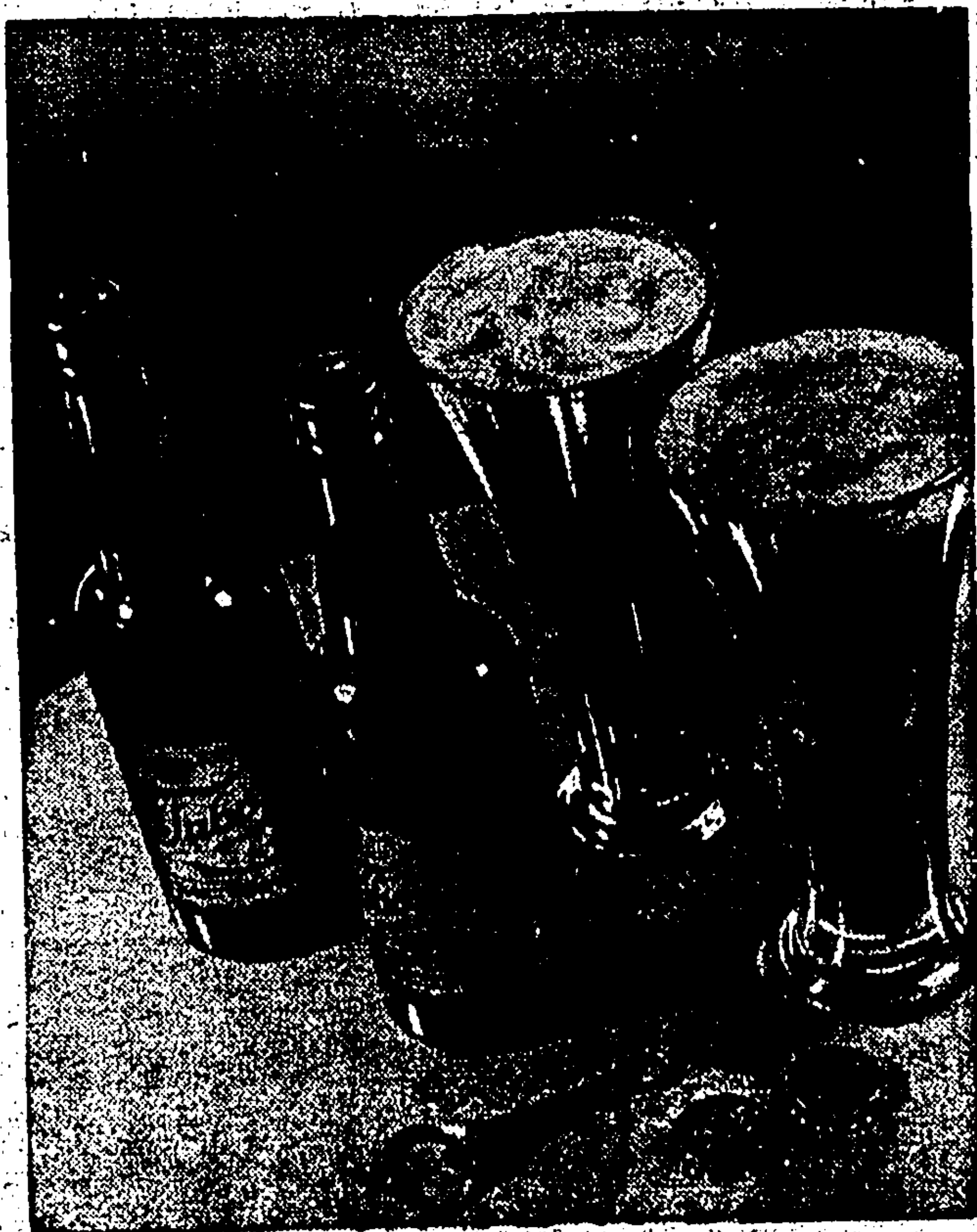
The future of Shanghai as a great trading port is said to be threatened as a result of another attempt by the Yellow River, known for centuries as "China's Sorrow," to change the landscape of the country.

According to latest information received here the River's waters, carrying mud and silt from the mountains and plains in north-western China, is pouring into the Yangtse River via the Hwai River.

River conservancy experts are of the opinion that so much silt water is going into the Yangtse that eventually this will bring about its overflowing resulting in flooding the countryside in the lower Yangtse Valley and probably changing the course of the Yangtse.

The changing of the course of the Yellow River and the Yangtse, they believe, would not only once more flood and destroy hundreds of rich industrial and agricultural towns and cities in east Kiangsu and Chekiang, but would also seal the fate of Shanghai as the greatest industrial, financial and trading port in the Far East.—Reuter.

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NAZI PROPAGANDA CONTRADICTIONS

London, To-day.

THE USUAL MONTHLY review of Nazi propaganda — the sixth of the war — was given by a special BBC Commentator yesterday. During the period under comment, there had been two speeches from Hitler, one from Goering and a pathetic one from Goebbels himself.

From the Nazi point of view, the trouble with these speeches was that they did not get enough attention. But people tended to say that the content of the speeches was "just the same old thing." On the other hand, there was modicum of information in the speeches, if one looked at them in the right way.

Take Hitler's speech on January 31. He started off, as usual, with an attack on the Treaty of Versailles. He had nothing new to say, so he said the same things again. That, of course, is just the point. There was nothing else for him to talk about.

He was trying to persuade the German people and he and his gangsters were really protecting them against British and French attempts to destroy the German nation. He was trying to prove that white is black.

BREST-LITOVSK

Under that Treaty, he said, the peace-makers carved up Europe without regard to the wishes of the populations concerned. That, of course, is a lie. The Czechs, Finns, Poles and Balkan states had proclaimed their own independence before the peace conference met. Where the desires of the population were not clear, plebiscites were held.

In view of the anniversary of the signing of the Brest-Litovsk treaty, it was interesting to note what the Germans did under similar circumstances. Under that treaty, Germany took from Russia 34 per cent of her population, 32 per cent of her agricultural land, 54 per cent of her international undertakings and 89 per cent of her mines. If now the Germany of Hitler could dictate terms, one could judge what would be the result from the fate of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

In his speech, Hitler went on to try and prove that the Allies wanted to destroy Germany (the BBC Commentator continued.) The first thing he did was to call them hypocrites—that was just the usual German abuse.

PEIPING LETTER

He then said that Mr. Churchill had said that he wanted to destroy Germany. That was a lie; Mr. Churchill never said anything of the sort, and Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax have again and again said, with the complete support of all, that the Allies do not desire the destruction of Germany.

Hitler can only speak once in a while; the Propaganda Ministry, however, keeps the torch burning every day. Some people might have heard the German press and radio comment on a letter written from a young man learn-

ing his job in the British Legation at Peiping.

This was a private letter to his mother, in which he gave his views on the political situation. They were not very wise views and the young man was not very well informed. He felt strongly about the fact that we were at war again and said that the German nation should be persecuted.

"PROOF"

The Nazis got hold of that letter, opened it and published it widely, claiming that it came from a responsible British diplomat. They splashed it in their press, broadcast it over the air and really played it up in a big way for two or three days.

Why? Because Hitler had said that the British were trying to destroy Germany, and the Nazi propagandists had to do everything they could to "prove" that he had spoken the truth.

One might say that the young man's letter was not very convincing proof, but it is difficult to be convincing when one tries to prove that white is black. It is difficult enough for Hitler and even harder for the others.

The BBC has often broadcast accounts of persecutions of the Poles, getting its information from such reliable sources as the Vatican City radio.

The Nazis immediately launched counter-charges against the Poles, accusing them of atrocities against the Germans. The number of Germans said to have been killed by the Poles rose from 5,000 to 50,000 overnight.

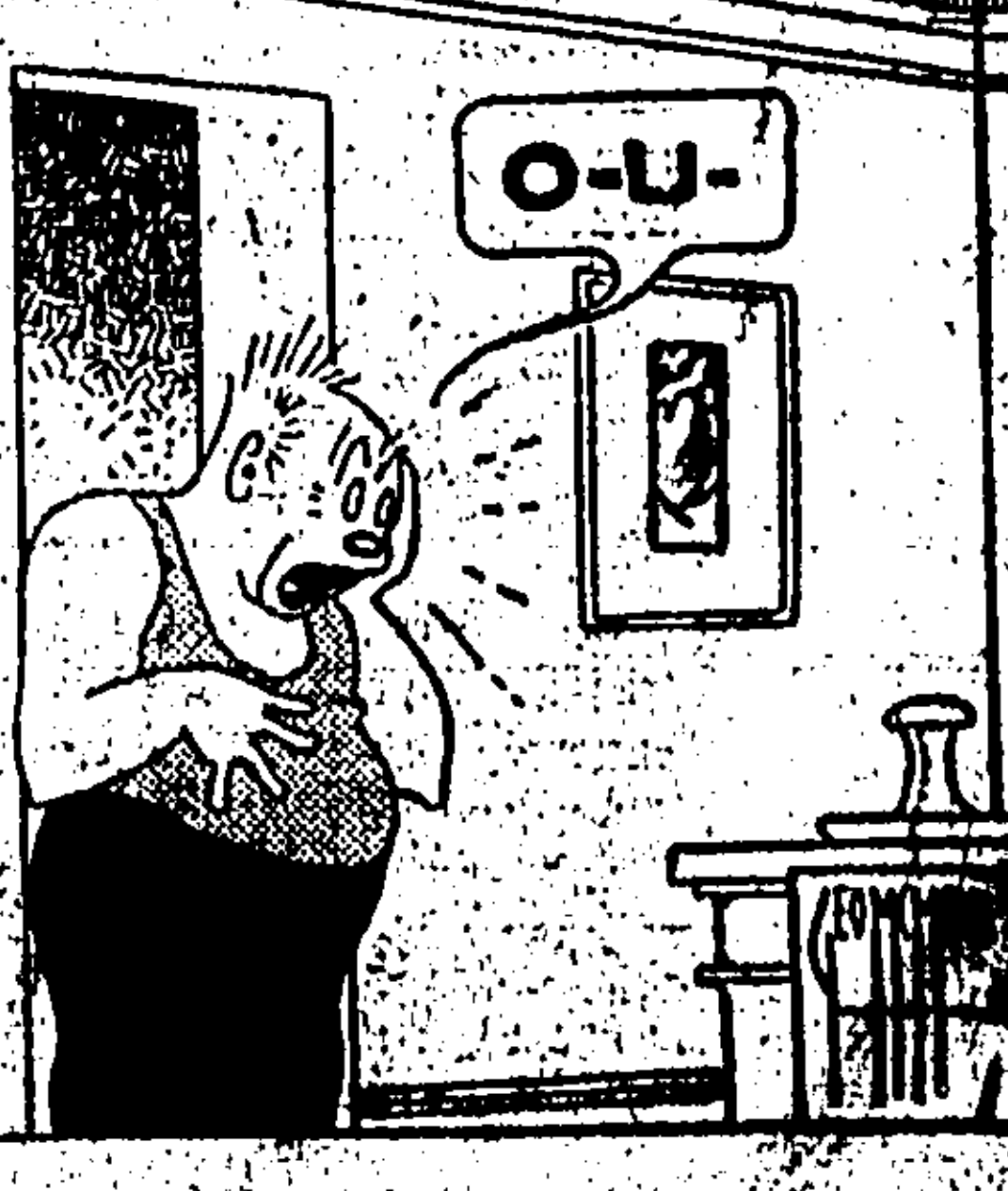
GOERING BLUNDER

On February 10, Goebbels overstepped himself. He said that these figures were only the conclusion to an orgy of violence and destruction lasting for over 20 years. But two years ago, Hitler stated that he had reached an agreement with Poland which removed all friction and made it possible for them to work in co-amity!

Goering proceeded to follow Goebbels up by making a big blunder himself. In his "morale-boosting" speech of February 15, he told German workers that they would have 1,000,000 Poles working for them, and that 10,000 had already come from Poland.

Goering, however, forget that a few
(Continued on Page 11)

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

INCOME TAX APPEAL IN MALAYA

Singapore, To-day.

The need for more Income Tax was stressed by Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor-General of Malaya, in a broadcast speech in which he announced that the Government had accepted the recommendations of the Special Committee which discussed ways and means by which Malaya could make a full contribution towards the cost of the war.

The Committee's recommendations, he said, provided for the raising of St.\$10,000,000 a year by the Federated Malay States and St.\$5,000,000 by the Colony. This would impose some sacrifices on certain industries, whose representatives were consulted and accepted the proposals.

Sir Shenton asked the people of Malaya to agree to pay more Income Tax, without which it would not be possible for Malaya to make their proper contribution towards the war cost. The minimum revenue which could be expected in the first year from this source would also be St.\$10,000,000.—Reuter.

NAZI PROPAGANDA CONTRADICTIONS

(Continued from Page 10)

days earlier all the resources of the Nazi Propaganda Ministry had been trying to persuade the world that the Germans were not turning the Poles into slaves! Gauleiter Greiser himself said: — "We are not deporting Polish workmen to the Reich."

ANOTHER CONTRADICTION

These are the attempts of the Great Nazi Masters. If the Masters cannot avoid contradicting themselves, one cannot expect the junior officials to be any more consistent. And so it has proved.

The "Danzig Volksposten" said that there was no question of Warsaw being overcrowded with refugees. Reports of widespread deaths, epidemics and plague were all without foundation.

Two days before, however, a Cracow paper said that if there was plague, famine, etc. in Warsaw it must not be forgotten that four months ago it was the centre of war and destruction and therefore, difficulties must arise with the refugees.

The Danzig paper, thus, was trying to prove that black was white. The Cracow paper, nearer to Warsaw, did not go so far as this; it suggested, however, that black was really gray! — Reuter.

FRANCE'S ECONOMIC POSITION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

France's economic situation is "different from that of Britain in that she has no need to purchase products necessary to feed her population," the "Yorkshire Post" declares in an editorial on the new French measures to bolster the country's economy.

However, the journal adds, France and Britain must import most of the raw materials necessary in production. — Havas.

ITALIAN MILITARY LEAVE STOPPED

Rome, To-day.

No military leave is to be granted Italian soldiers as from March 1, according to a circular letter from the War Ministry.

Official reason given is that "the military forces now represent less family men than the older classes up till now kept under the colours for complementary training." — Reuter.

GRAND N. Z. RESPONSE TO CALL

Wellington, Yesterday.

The magnificent response to the recruiting campaign in New Zealand was discussed by the Premier, Mr. M. J. Savage, in a speech to-day.

Enlistments had shown a substantial increase and the quotas for the third contingent were more than full in most military districts.

Four thousand young men had joined up as pilots in the Air Force, and recruiting was brisker than in the corresponding period in the last war.

"It is a plain fact," Mr. Savage declared, "that our young men are keen to serve against the Nazi enemies of freedom. The unity of the Dominion has never been stronger."

"It shows the paramount determination of our people to maintain an effective standard in the war."

"New Zealand wants the right and privileges of democratic government and the peaceful opportunity to achieve social progress." — Reuter.

BANK OF HAINAN TO BE FORMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW BANK, WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO NAME THE HAINAN BANK, WITH AN AUTHORIZED CAPITAL OF \$2,000,000, IS CONTEMPLATED. BY PROMINENT CHINESE FINANCIERS, INCLUDING MR. T. V. SOONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE BANK OF CHINA AND CHIEF OF THE BANK OF CANTON, AND ADMIRAL CHAN CHAK.

The new institution will be inaugurated with a paid up capital of \$1,000,000 as soon as plans are completed, and it will be incorporated in Hong Kong.

The nine sponsors will each subscribe \$50,000 while shares of \$10 each will be issued to the public.

Later, it is planned to establish branches of the bank in China and abroad.

LIVESTOCK HURLED INTO WATER

There was much excitement among villagers on Saturday morning on the beach at Shek-O when numbers of fowls, ducks, geese and pigs were seen floating on the sea.

It was later discovered that a big cargo-junk fully loaded with poultry and livestock had capsized outside the bay.

PETROL RATIONING PROPOSALS

London, Yesterday.

Motorists who laid up their cars for the Winter may now register for the Easter holidays. Cars of under 10 horsepower will get two gallons of petrol and bigger cars three gallons.—Reuter.

LONG MOSCOW TALKS WITH U. S. ENVOY

London, Yesterday.

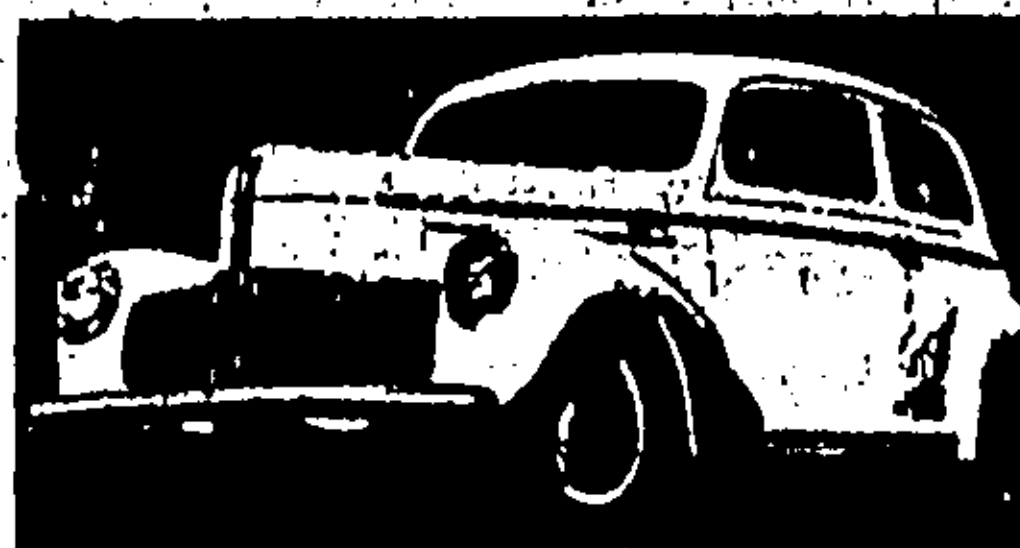
Reports from Moscow state that Foreign Commissar Molotov has had a further long talk with the American Ambassador to Moscow.

The view is expressed here that this conversation was in connection with rumours of a possible American mediation in the Soviet-Finnish war. — Havas.

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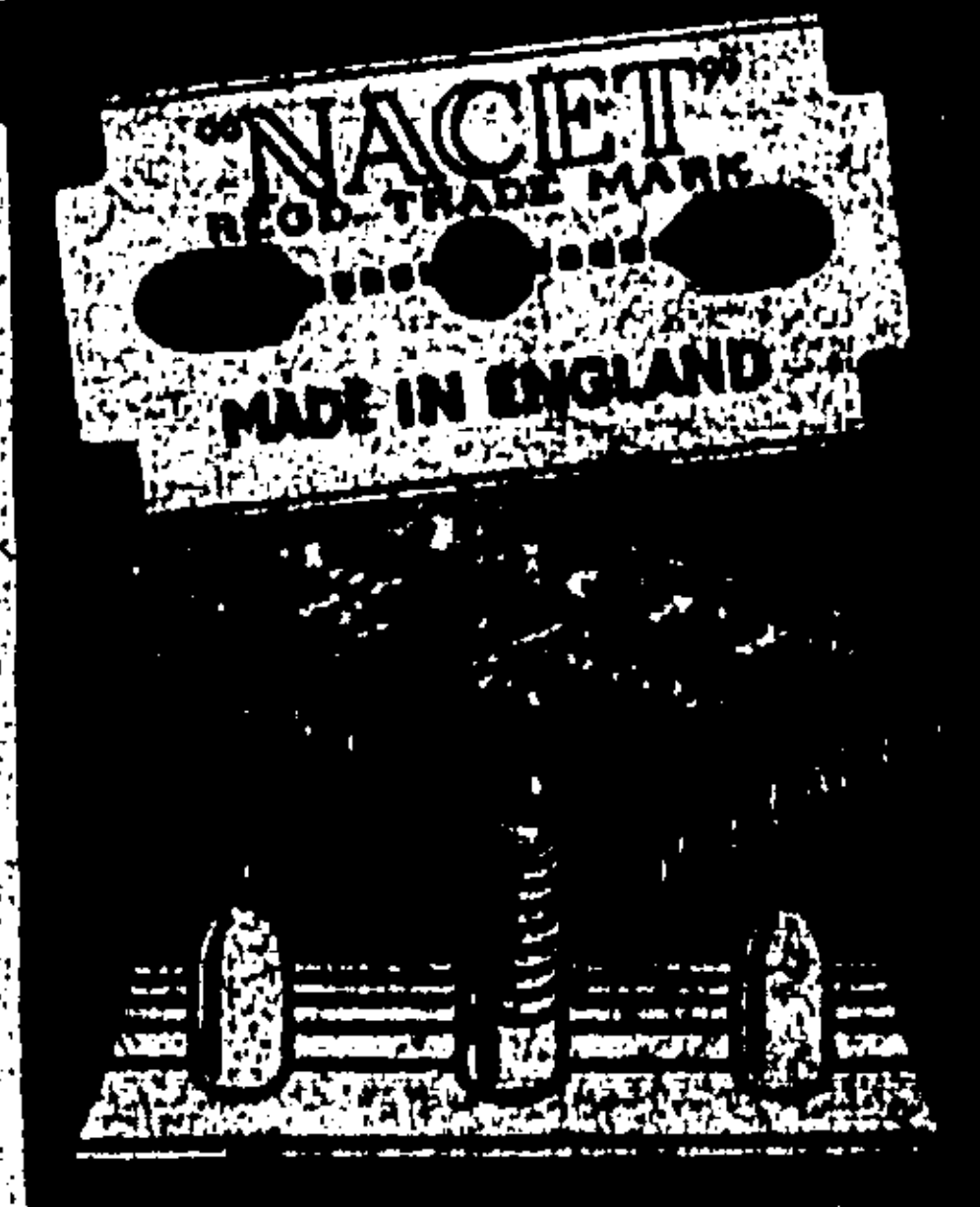
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GRAVE VIOLATION
OF HER NEUTRALITY**

Brussels, To-day.

AT 11 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY morning, more for-
eign 'planes flew over Belgian territory. Belgian
anti-aircraft batteries went into action at Brus-
sels and Belgian fighters went up.Meanwhile, the Belgian press is naturally incensed
at Saturday's air battle in which a large German
bomber violated Belgian territory and shot down
two of three Belgian patrol 'planes trying to head
it back over the border; the pilot of one 'plane
was killed.The "Gazette," for instance, calls
it a "particularly vile act." Although,
says the paper, it is more necessary
than ever that they should maintain
their calm, "only the term assassina-
tion describes such an aggression."The Liberal paper "L'Independance
Belge," says that "Belgian national
dignity declares with firmness to the
German Government that such acts
cannot be allowed."**GRAVE VIOLATION**Following the air battle, the Ger-
man Ambassador to Brussels was
summoned to the office of M. Spaak,
Belgian Foreign Minister. The inter-
view very brief and M. Spaak made
a vigorous protest against "this grave
violation of Belgian neutrality and
act of aggression committed by Ger-
man airmen."Although the Germans have fre-
quently flown over Belgian and Dutch
territory, this is the first time the
violation of neutral territory has end-
ed fatally. In the early days of the
war, a Dutch seaplane was lost
through Nazi action.—Reuter.**PLANES OVER HOLLAND**

Amsterdam, To-day.

Three more German 'planes flew
over Netherlands territory on Satur-
day night. Two more were seen yes-
terday morning.A British 'plane which appeared
over an island flew off when anti-
aircraft batteries opened up.The Dutch Government is to lodge
protests in both Berlin and London.
—Reuter.**PLANES OVER BRUSSELS**

Brussels, To-day.

It is officially announced that anti-
aircraft guns opened fire yesterday
morning when many planes of un-
determined nationality flew over Bel-
gium.The newspaper "Le Soir" states that
fighters ascended when the planes
were sighted.The report says some of the planes
flew over Brussels and suburbs at
about 11 a.m. and one or two others
passed over the aerodrome at Haren,
flying at a great height.**ANTI-ALLIED PROPAGANDA**

It is reported from Eupen (the

former German area) that intense
anti-Allied propaganda is being cir-
culated in Belgian districts near the
German frontier.Many leaflets of German origin
have been slipped through letterboxes
in the past week.A leaflet which was distributed in
this way yesterday was printed in
Hamburg. It was entitled "Politics"
and violently attacked Britain.—Reu-
ter.**AIR COLLISION**

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgian air force suffered three
other machine casualties yesterday.Two machines collided and both
crashed; one set fire to a farm. An-
other machine doing aerobatics over
Brussels crashed into a garden. —
Reuter.**CANADIANS IN THE
FINNISH BRIGADE**

Ottawa, Yesterday.

The Premier's Office to-day issued
an announcement legalising the posi-
tion of Canadians fighting in the
British volunteer brigade in Finland.
—Reuter.**COLONIAL MISSION
IN LONDON**

London, Yesterday.

The British Government enter-
tained members of the agricultural
delegations of Kenya, Uganda and
Tanganyika Territory at Luncheon
yesterday. The Secretary for
Colonies presided.—British Wireless.**SWEDISH DRIVE FOR
VOLUNTEERS**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, Yesterday.

A big drive for volunteers for Fin-
land will be instituted during March,
the campaign being under the aus-
pices of the Committee for Finland.
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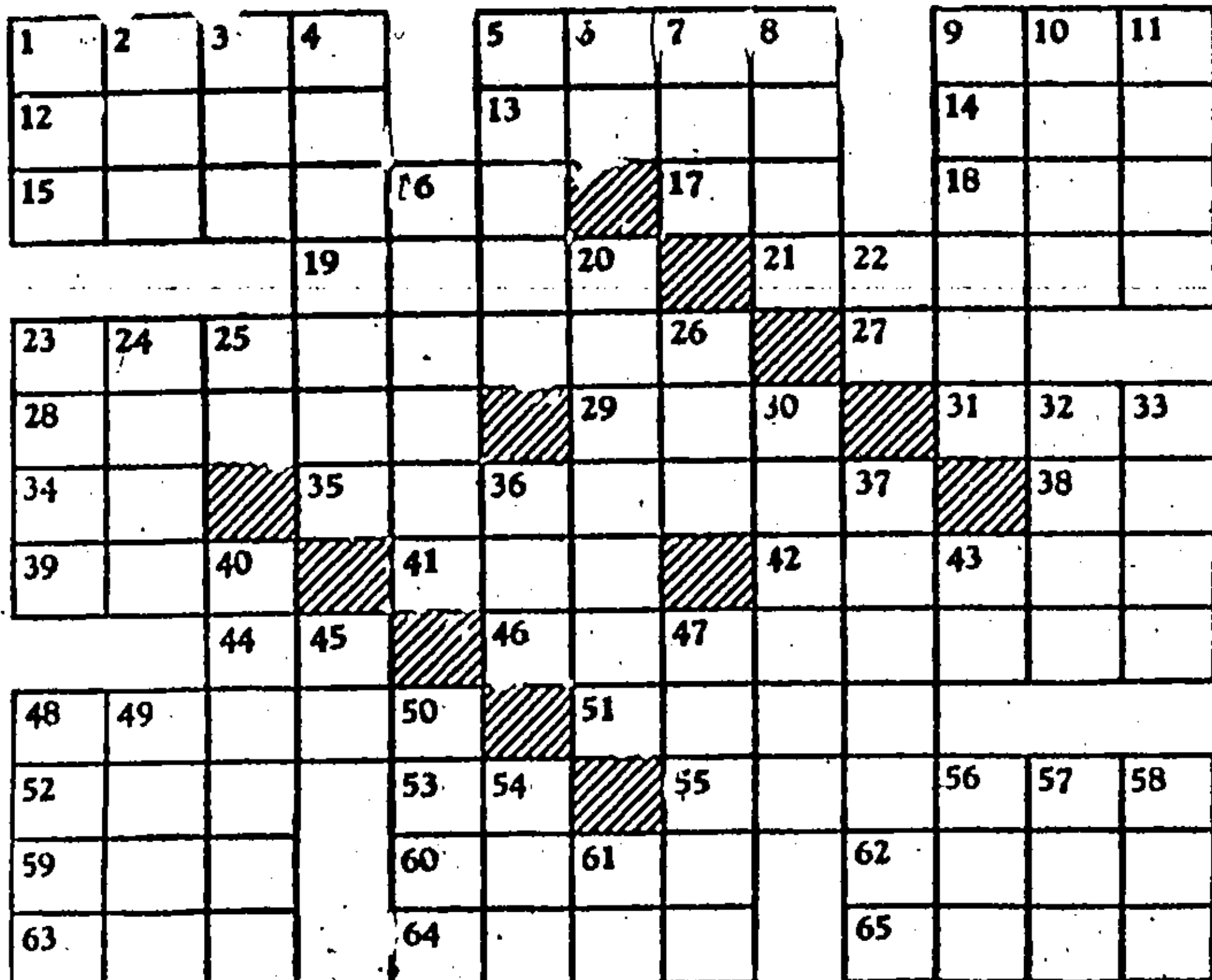
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- 14 To mature
- 15 Approached
- 17 Not any
- 18 By birth
- 19 Part of eye
- 21 Bishop's cap
- 23 Likened
- 27 Toward
- 28 Dills
- 29 Ethiopian title
- 31 Nothing
- 34 Greek letter
- 35 Group of students
- 38 Sloth
- 39 Worm
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- 42 Edge
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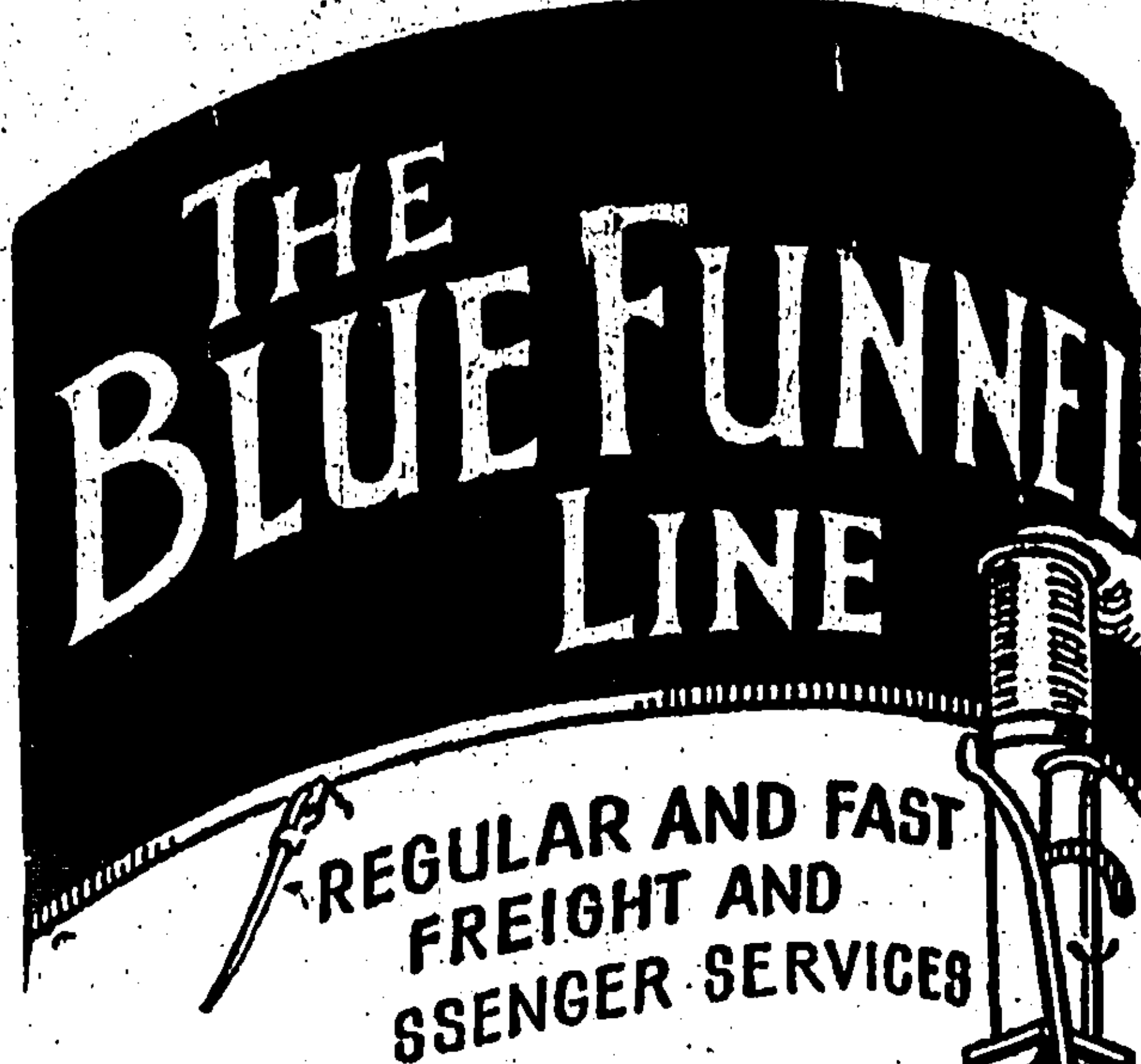
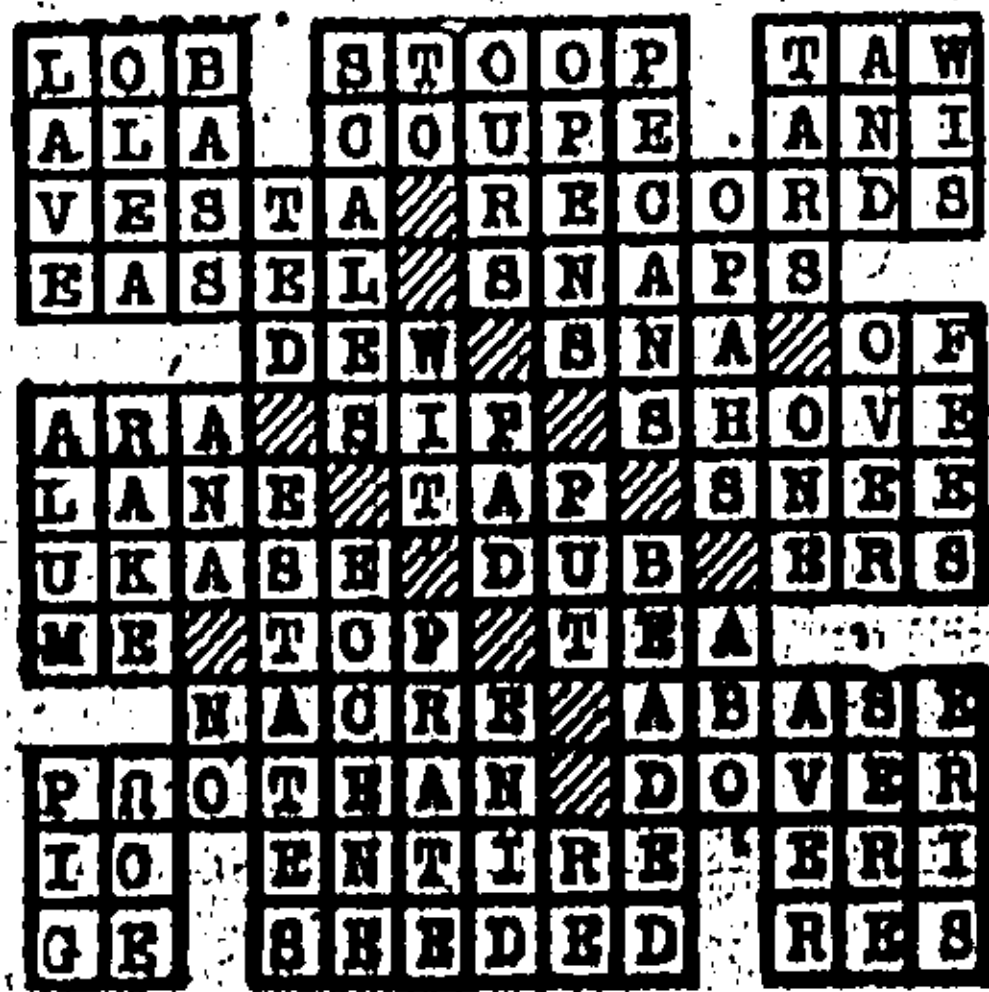
- 55 Fright
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- 62 Sound
- 63 Colloquial friend
- 64 Observes
- 65 Progeny

VERTICAL

- 1 Container
- 2 Palm leaf (var.)
- 3 Reception
- 4 Written characters
- 5 Lowest point
- 6 Conjunction
- 7 Mineral

- 8 Biblical country
- 9 Political district
- 10 Curved molding
- 11 Beverage
- 16 Rubber
- 20 Sober
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 Arrived
- 24 Burden
- 25 Pronoun
- 26 Tribe of Israel
- 30 Crude
- 32 Shakespearean villain
- 33 Legal claim
- 36 Among
- 37 Answers
- 40 Gregarious
- 43 Japanese measure
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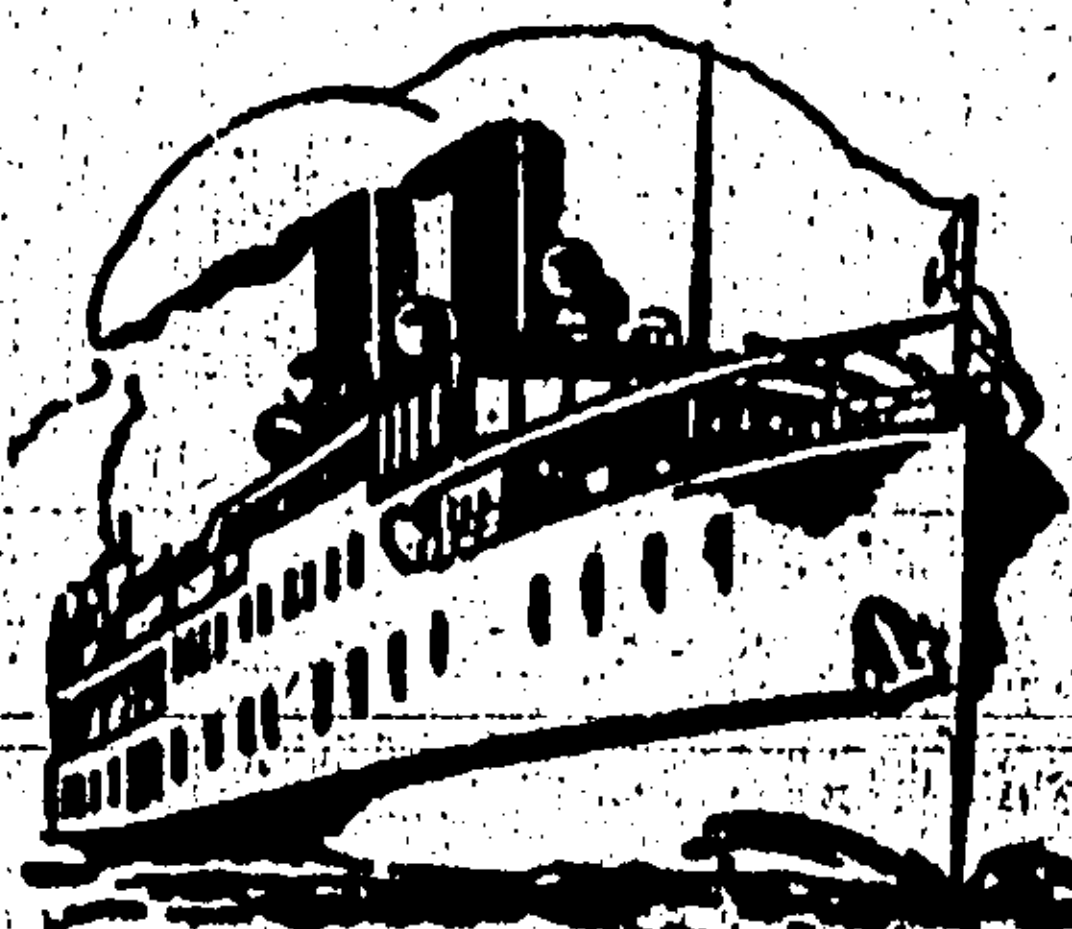
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THE INDIAN PROBLEM

JAPAN AND ALLY TRADE MEASURES

Tokyo, To-day.

Despite continued negotiations between the Japanese Ambassador in Paris, Mr. Renzo Sawada, and the Quaix d'Orsay, the French authorities have so far shown no intention of renewing the trade agreement between the two countries, according to Japanese reports.

This attitude on the part of the French Government is regarded by the Japanese here as due to two factors; firstly, since the outbreak of the European war, France has been confronted with the necessity of fundamentally readjusting her foreign relations; secondly, public feeling in France has been irritated by the Japanese bombing of the Yunnan Railway and the French Government have been influenced by this public opinion.

Japanese business circles point out that France has been striving hard to draw closer to Britain in economic relations and to regulate the Anglo-French economic system on a bloc basis. In trade relations, France is said to be endeavouring with Britain to establish self-supply and self-sufficiency for Home and Colonies.

TEXTILES BARRED

The same circles further point out that Britain and France are restricting imports into the Franco-British economic bloc as far as possible and have imposed a licence system on imports to British Congo and French Morocco, allegedly violating the treaties.

Japanese cotton textiles, it is stated are virtually being barred from these parts of Africa. The French Government, it is added, intend to strengthen the restrictions on imports in order to conserve raw materials for the sake of the munition industry.

The opinion of Japanese business circles is that since Japan's exports to France and her Colonies are chiefly canned salmon and textiles, which are important daily necessities, "it would be difficult for the French to impose any drastic restrictions against those imports while the French are not likely to unnecessarily check exports of raw materials to Japan which might bring retaliatory measures from Japan."—Reuter.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER LAUNCHES ATTACK ON GANDHI PARTY

New Delhi, To-day.

AN APPEAL TO THE American people regarding the political situation in India was issued yesterday by Sir Abdoola Haroon, member of the Central Assembly and chairman of the foreign committee of the All-India Muslim League.

Sir Abdoola declares: "American interest in the cause of Indian freedom is praiseworthy but before its people express any opinion about our affairs we hope they will acquaint themselves with all aspects of the Indian problem, which is bristling with difficulties that are incapable of being mitigated by the verbosity of the Congress Party, which is now trying to woo American public opinion."

Sir Abdoola says the Moslem nation of 90,000,000 has nothing in common with the Hindu nation but that Congress, which is an indisputably Hindu organisation, wants to establish domination of the Hindus over the Moslems, "as is proved by experience of two years of tyrannical Congress rule in the provinces."

Sir Abdoola alleges the Congress ideal of independence aims at the establishment of an unalterable Hindu religious majority under a single federation possessing powers to nullify the independence of the Muslims, even in the provinces where they have a majority.

"ENSLAVEMENT"

"Therefore the Congress variety of independence means the enslavement of at least ninety million Muslims who are pledged to resist it to the last ditch."

The Muslims were not opposed to Indian independence; they had always worked for it, but the main obstacle was the failure of Congress to win the confidence of the Muslims.

"Let America understand the fundamentals of the present controversy between Britain and Congress; the main bone of contention is how ninety million Muslims can be fitted into the new picture. Congress refuses to face that question."

TWO ALTERNATIVES

"There are now only two alternatives for Britain; either she should insist on Congress coming to terms

with the Muslims and other minorities, whose combined strength exceeds that of the Hindu community Congress represents, or she should concede the Congress demands, thus throwing the whole Indian peninsula into civil war.

"We Muslims therefore hope that American well-wishers of India will intercede with the Congress demi-gods to bring them down to a reasonable level of tolerance and understanding."

SIMPLE DEMANDS

"Our demands are simple. Our ninety million people want the right of self-determination and separate homelands of our own where they are already in the majority, where we want to follow our own pursuits and life without molestation from anybody, even though it may mean the establishment of more than one federation."—Reuter.

TRAGIC MISTAKE

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announced last evening: "As the result of mistaken identity one of our own aircraft was accidentally shot down by our fighters in the neighbourhood of Gravesend this afternoon." — British Wireless.

Driven NEARLY MAD by Pain

Sufferings banished by DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

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END OF THE WORLD IS NEAR!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
ROME, TO-DAY.

SIX OF THE MAJOR PLANETS CAN BE SEEN IN THE SKIES OVER ROME AT THE MOMENT—NEPTUNE, VENUS, MARS, JUPITER, URANUS AND SATURN. A SIMILAR GATHERING OF PLANETS HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE 1919.

Commenting on the unique spectacle, the Rome Radio announcer said that the presence of these six planets was giving rise to widespread predictions that the end of the world is near. The same predictions were made in 1919, and have indeed been made since the days of Neanderthal man.

"But the world is still spinning over," the announcer went on, "and we offer the prediction that it has several million revolutions more to go before Life's candles are burnt out!"

Meanwhile, they could raise their eyes to the skies and take heart in the fact that although Mars was shining his ruddy light brightly in the heavens, Venus was still outshining him.—Havas.

GERMAN BOMBER SHOT DOWN IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Epinal (France), To-day.

Two French chasers attacked and shot down a German bomber near Epinal.

Three of the German plane's crew were killed, while a fourth who used his parachute was seriously injured and is now in hospital.—Havas.

PLANE WAS GERMAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The Hague, To-day.

The Dutch Government officially states that it has found that the foreign plane which flew over Central Holland on Friday was a German machine. Fire was opened on it by Dutch anti-aircraft guns.—Havas.

Wellington, Yesterday.
New Zealand is sending overseas the staff of a general hospital and a convalescence depot.—Reuter.

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FANLING GOLF RESULTS

Following competition results at Royal Hong Kong Golf Club are announced:—
Mixed Foursomes (First Round):—R. C. and Mrs. Stewart receive a bye into the second round; Lt.-Comdr. Linton beat Col. and Mrs. Rose 4 and 3; J. W. Mayhew and Mrs. Smalley beat W. B. Richardson and Miss Glendinning 6 and 5; L. A. R. and Mrs. Duncan beat A. H. and Mrs. Guinness 5 and 4; C. C. and Mrs. Stark beat Capt. D. Wilkinson and Mrs. A. H. Mitchell 5 and 3; Major and Mrs. Williams beat Capt. Carran and Mrs. Murrell 2 and 1; E. J. R. and Mrs. Mitchell beat Brig. and Mrs. Thomson 4 and 2; L. Jackson and Mrs. Rowell received a bye into the second round.

CAPTAIN'S CUP
(March Qualifying Competition)
Old Course:—F. A. Howard 91—18—13 won from a field of 35.
New Course:—A. J. Dennis 82—10—72 won from a field of 8.

GREEN ISL. CEMENT

The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., announce the Balance standing at credit of Profit and Loss Account as at the 31st December, 1939, including the sum of \$124,778.22 brought forward from the previous year and after providing for depreciation and other contingencies, amounted to:—\$675,694.32, which the Board will recommend at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company, be appropriated as follows:—
To pay a dividend of \$1.00 per share on 195,494 shares \$195,494.00
To pay a bonus of 73 cents per share on 195,494 shares 146,620.50
To transfer to the General Reserve in order to bring this account up to—\$1,000,000 150,000.00
To distribute a Bonus to Staff 17,397.00
To Carry Forward to next account 166,382.82
Total 675,694.32

HEINKEL DOWN IN NO-MAN'S LAND

London, To-day.
Last night the Air Ministry announced: "Early this afternoon a fighter patrol of the British Air Force in France intercepted and shot down a Heinkel 111. The aircraft crashed between the lines and two of the crew seen to set fire to it before escaping to the German positions." — British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.
The cross rate London/New York was £—U.S.\$402.50 and New York/London £—U.S.\$392-7/8.



The boy with a good head for figures likes them small, slim and single.

RUGBY SEVENS

Preparations for the contest for the Blarney Stone Shield, the trophy for which the annual Rugby Football Seven-a-side Tournament, organised by the Hong Kong Football Club is played, are now well advanced.

The Tournament this year will be in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, and it is hoped that the public will give more than their usual strong support on this account.

All rounds will be played on the Club ground at Happy Valley, the preliminaries on Monday and Wednesday, 11th and 13th March at 4.30 p.m., when admission to the ground will be 50 cents to any stand. The final rounds will take place on Saturday, 16th March, the first quarter-final commencing at 3.00 p.m. On Saturday, admission to the Covered Stand will be \$1.50 and to the Open Stands \$1.00. In all cases Service men will be admitted at half price.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. MacDougall M.C., and Officers, the Band and Pipes of H.M. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment), will play prior to the kick-off and during intervals. During the afternoon, the "Crustaceans" will give a demonstration of the rival code—soccer. The "Crustaceans" are a boys' club, formed by Messrs. Hsley and Cooke and Dr. Valentine, to give an idea of team games to the youth of the Colony, who have reached home-side school age, but who are temporarily debarred by the war from going Home.

It is understood that they are pretty hot at Soccer. Club Soccer members should see this as it may give them a few hints on how to avoid the bottom positions in the Leagues!

Many notabilities will be present on the 15th March. The Colonial Secretary, G.O.C., and C. in C. are all watching the games, whilst His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to present the Shield to the winning side at the conclusion of the Tournament.

Intending competitors are reminded that entries close at noon on Wednesday, and any who have not yet sent in their entry form to C. Austin, c/o Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd., are asked to do so without delay.—Contributed.

BADMINTON

TO-NIGHT'S BIG GAME

(By "ADREM")

This evening at University, a senior badminton League match between Chinese Y.M.C.A. and University will decide whether the former team will gain possession of the title or will be required to play off on a neutral court for that distinction.

Thus far Chinese "Y" have secured 14 points in seven matches, whereas University have lost once—to Chinese "Y".

There is a big school of thought, however, which feels that the conditions at Bridges Street had a great deal to do with University's defeat on that occasion, and this section is convinced that the undergraduates will win easily on their own court. This evening will decide!

S. CHINA WIN FIRST LEG

In spite of magnificent displays by Shaw, in the pivotal position and Birrel, at right half, Engineers were beaten by the only goal scored early in the game by South China in their first game for the play off of the Second Division Championship.

Fox, the interporter, had little chance as he continually had the attentions of at least two Chinese defenders on him.

Tam Moon-sheung scored for South China.

R.A.S.C. BEAT LEADERS

Royal Army Service Corps placed themselves in a favourable position for the Third Division title by beating the leaders 24th R.A., by two goals to nil at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Service Corps were faster in their tackling and cleared better, while the forward-line showed better combination.

Gunners were prone to wait for the ball in the first period but improved in the second.

Clarke scored for the Corps in the

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YACHTING

BRITAIN BEATS SCANDINAVIA

In the second Scandinavian Cup match held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday, Britain beat Scandinavia 44 points to 27.

SCANDINAVIA	
S. K. Helberg, L. Ongstad, K. Neckel-	
man	4
Capt. J. Krogh-Moe, O. Fingalsen, S.	
Stakland	3
Johnsen, E. Huttemeler, K. Kjaer	5
H. Dreyer, N. O. Christensen, K. Wil-	
kins	0
	12

BRITAIN	
D. A. Smith, W. N. L. Harrison, H. W.	
Browne	6
G. G. Wood, P. C. M. Sedgwick, M. I.	
De Ville	8
L. Garner, T. C. Fairburn, F. C. Man-	
ning	2
C. C. Blake, R. J. Minnitt, L. D.	
Pringle	7
	23

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Browne	6
L. Garner, T. C. Fairburn, F. C. Man-	
ning	5
G. G. Wood, P. C. M. Sedgwick, M. I.	
De Ville	3
C. C. Blake, R. J. Minnitt, L. D. Pringle	7
	21

Morning	23
Total	44

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S. K. Helberg, L. Ongstad, K. Neckel-	
man	2
Capt. J. Krogh-Moe, O. Fingalsen, S.	
Stakland	4
H. Dreyer, N. O. Christensen, K. Wil-	
kins	1
John Johnsen, E. Huttemeler, K. Kjaer	8
	15
Morning	12
Total	27

FAMILY REUNIONS

London, To-day.
Over six hundred parents, occupying five special trains, took the opportunity yesterday of visiting children who had been evacuated to various towns in Sussex, Hampshire and Dorset.—British Wireless.

first half when he broke through and lobbed the ball over the head of the advancing Minahill into the net.

In the second period Martin made the issue safe when he scored after beating three men



Tchaikowsky
1812 Overture:
Russian Items

To-day's Wireless

Talk On
Ballet From
The Studio

6.00 p.m.—"For the Children."
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Chopin Piano Recital by Arthur Rubinstein.
6.52 p.m.—Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).
7.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk on Ballet illustrated by records.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—This Week's Programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Ambrose and His Orchestra with Frances Day and Frank Luther.
9.05 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver at the Organ.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

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9.52 Megacycles

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"This Freedom".
9.45 p.m.—Compositions of Dohnanyi.
10.20 p.m.—Songs by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).
See Here, Thy Flow'et ('Carmen'—Bizet); O Del Mio Dolce Ardor ('Paride ed Elena'—Gluck)...with Members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan.
10.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—1812 Overture. The Philharmonic Orchestra, Berlin, with the Ural Cossacks' Choir conducted by Alexander Kitschin.
10.46 p.m.—Short Russian Programme. None But The Weary Heart (Tchaikowsky).

...Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Two Old Wedding Songs (Gretschaninoff);
Aljoscha's Song (from 'Dobrynja Niki-

tsch'—Gretschaninoff)...Don Cossacks Choir conducted by Serge Jaroff Unaccompanied.
Valse Des Fleurs (from 'Casse Noisette Suite'—Tchaikowsky) Rawicz and Landauer (Two Planos).
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



(By The Four Aces)

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A NIGHTMARE HAND.

We would not accuse any one of being unduly optimistic if he felt exceedingly confident of making one notrump on South's hand. And if the opponents had the temerity to double this contract, we doubt very much if we would rescue ourselves in the safe contract of two diamonds. Yet one of the worst debacles in the history of Bridge occurred as South, playing the hand at the doubled contract of one notrump, failed to take a single trick!

East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 7 5 4
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ 8 7 6 3
♣ 8 4

♠ A Q 2
♥ 5
♦ 10 9 4
♣ K J 9 7

♠ 10 9 8 6
♥ A J 10 7
♦ 2
♣ A 5

♠ K J
♥ K Q 8
♦ A K Q J 5
♣ Q 10 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	1NT	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Being reasonably sure that South held the spade King, West opened his fourth-best club. East won with the Ace and instead of returning a club, made the amazing shift to a spade. Both of South's honours were now trapped, and his unkind opponents then ran off the whole suit.

ACE KING QUEEN JACK

On the last two spades West discarded two small diamonds. And now a club return trapped South's

Queen. West now proceeded to run off his club suit and South was eventually squeezed. If he discarded all his diamonds, West's ten would be good. For the last two tricks Declarer retained the diamond Ace and heart King, but now West led his last two tricks.

We believe this hand should be labelled "Catastrophe No. 1."

Saturday, as David Bruce Burnstone's partner, you held:

♠ K x x x
♥ K J x x
♦ Q x x
♣ J x

The bidding:
Burnstone Maier You Jacoby
3NT Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is five notrump. You definitely want to play six unless your partner has shaded his bid. At the same time you have little interest in a Grand Slam contract.

Score 100% for five notrump, 60% for six notrump (an overbid) or four notrump (an underbid), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 349

Oswald Jacoby is your partner and you hold:

♠ 9 8 x x x
♥ J 10 x
♦ x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:
Schenken You Maier Jacoby
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass

What do you lead? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

MACAO RACE CASH SWEEP RESULTS

The following are the results of cash sweeps at the race meeting of the Macao Jockey Club held yesterday:

Race 1
No. 242 \$283.00
" 69 81.10
" 383 40.50
Ticket Nos. 343, 185 and 141 get \$10 each.

Race 2
No. 585 \$334.30
" 161 95.50
" 63 47.70
Ticket Nos. 645, 419 and 326 get \$10 each.

Race 3
No. 138 \$347.70
" 115 99.30
" 356 49.60
Ticket Nos. 332 and 457 get \$25 each.

Race 4
No. 233 \$352.20
" 582 100.60
" 68 50.30
Ticket No. 694 gets \$50.

Race 5
No. 2496 \$10,615.00
" 25252 3,032.80
" 26800 1,516.40
Ticket Nos. 4562, 10512, 9450, 23383, 20281, 5033, 14307, 25728, 15435 and 7565 get \$267.60 each.

Race 6
No. 342 \$681.20
" 188 194.60
" 60 97.30
Ticket No. 613 gets \$50.

INDOOR TENNIS TITLE

New York, To-day.
Robert Riggs, the American Wimbledon champion, yesterday beat Donald McNeill by 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 3-6 and 6-2 in the final of the American Indoor Lawn Tennis Championship. — Reuter.

MISS TYLOR'S PLUCK

Saturday's Cottage Club Hunt was won by Paul Calderera with J. Fraser a close second. The honours in the Ladies' section went to Miss Anne Tylor, who pluckily remounted after a spill and who finished closely behind the leaders.

Starting from near Hong Ling village, on the Shataukok Road, the Hunt took a five mile circle through the foot-hills skirting Lo Shu Ling and Ta Ku Ling and came back through "the gallops" at a cracking pace, with eight riders well bunched together and keenly contesting for first honours.

The lead was taken on the way in by J. Fraser but extra weight and a tired pony told in the last 200 yards, when Calderera pushed his mount in front to finish a good winner.

Others in the van were Miss Tylor and Middleburgh, Bois, Gordon and Minderhoudt. The remainder of the field were strung out at varying distances. There were several spills, but, fortunately, no casualties. — Contributed.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Following are yesterday's softball results:

GIRLS
Wahoos 23, Cubs 0.
Wildcats forfeit from Cards.
Canuckettes 7, Ballgirls 3.
Panthers 14, Ramblerettes 11.
MEN
Recreio Bees 9, Liga 2.
Filipinos 4, Mindanao 3.
Mindanao forfeit from Forum.
Ball Club forfeit from Trojans.
HONG
Texaco 13, Socony 3.
FRIENDLY
R.A.F. 10, Cables 4.
Ball Club 13, Mixed Team 5.



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CLUB'S DESERVED WIN AGAINST EASTERN A.A.

Hsu King-Seng Makes Great Effort For Losers

GOOD DISPLAYS BY WINNING FORWARDS

(By "REFEREE")

CLUB FULLY DESERVED their win against Eastern yesterday when, playing at home in their postponed First Division encounter, they won by the odd goal in three after having most of the play and missing a penalty in the second period.

Eastern were without Tsang Chung-wan and Kong Sing-king, their full backs, while Club were without McEwan.

Hsu King-seng, the Eastern pivot, again played well and he was the man who held the defence together and spoiled many a dangerous move by Club forwards.

The rest of the defence was erratic under pressure and Lee Tak-kee and Ching Ying-kuen were both dangerous in their tackling and were pulled up for dangerous play, on two occasions, once just outside the penalty area and on the other just inside. Pryde took the kick but failed to convert.

PRYDE AND BICKFORD POLISHED

Fowler and Wilson were dangerous in the Club attack and with their bustling methods completely upset the Eastern defence. Pryde and Bickford provided the more polished play while E. Strange was not very much at home on the left wing.

In defence, Forrow bottled Ny Kee-cheung, while Skinner kept a watchful eye on Hau Ching-to. Eardley did his share against Chung Yung-sum.

Eastern forced the play in the early stages of the game and looked like scoring any minute.

The remainder of the period was evenly contested with both sides missing opportunities.

In the second half, Club did more attacking and Wilson and Fowler missed, when well placed. Club took the lead when Fowler headed a centre from a corner taken by E. Strange and a few minutes later should have gone further ahead when Pryde missed a penalty. He, however, made up for this when he completed some good work to beat Lau with a grounder.

Cheong Kam-hoi reduced the de-

(Other Sport On Page 15)



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ficit shortly after but in spite of every endeavour to obtain the equaliser Club were able to hold Eastern out.

Club:—Odell; Bone and S. Strange; Skinner, Forrow and Eardley; Wilson, Pryde, Fowler, Bickford and Wilson.

Eastern:—Lau Hin-hoi; Ching Ying-kuen and Lee Tak-kee; Lau Chi-chun, Hsu King-seng and Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheong Kam-hoi, Wu Chi-tsang, Fun Kwan-shing and Hau Ching-to.

HOCKEY

TEAM NOMINATED SHOULD NOT FAIL SELECTORS

(By "ADREM")

THE COLONY INTERPORT hockey selectors are wasting little time in getting a team together for the forthcoming game with Macao and, following a rather disappointing trial yesterday, when form, in many cases, was at variance to the known capabilities of the players, a probable team was selected.

The selectors make it quite clear, however, that their nominees—who will be engaged as a team against Kumaon Rifles on Friday on Club ground—are not the final selections, and the right has been reserved to make such changes as are necessary.

A noteworthy selection is Sgt. Homburg, of Royal Engineers, a centre-forward who has probably scored more goals this season than any other player in the Colony. Although not providing anything outstanding yesterday, he showed himself to be a fine opportunist who does not believe in dallying in front of goal. He has been entrusted with the leadership of the Probables' attack.

FAST ATTACK

The forwards, as selected, appear to be the best available. There is a nice blend of experience and new blood.

The old firm of Nerein Singh and Partaub Singh have again been chosen to provide the left wing and having regard to their displays in the past and the fine understanding shown by them yesterday, they will not be found wanting.

Pritam Nath, erstwhile Colony leader, has been moved to inside-right to make room for Homburg. His partner will be S. A. Fowler, not as convincing this season as in others but a man capable of rising to the occasion.

With a hard shooting, speedy attack, Hong Kong should not miss many opportunities of scoring goals.

The intermediate-line, however, looks even better. Willie Reed, who again occupy the pivotal position, supported by Hook and Norman Whitley. Neither of the latter showed the form of which they are capable yesterday, appearing to lack a lot of their old confidence with their sticks, but more practice should get them into fine working shape.

LOGICAL CHOICES

Victor Bond and Datta Ram, on their showing, are the logical choices for full-back. The former positions him-

The Ladies' Hockey season is fast drawing to a close and on Saturday St. Andrew's completed their Cner Clarke fixtures

Ladies' Hockey by overwhelming in the lowly placed Recreio Ladies by seven clear goals.

Miss Reid and Mrs. Bliss both registered "hat tricks" and sent in shots from all angles during the game. Miss Barros, in Recreio goal brought off some good saves.

ARGONAUTS require only one more point to secure the Brawn Cup championship in their first year of competition and did well to beat Central Schoolgirls by three clear goals.

Miss C. Silva, of Argonauts, is fast developing to into a good centre half and should in a short time hold her own against some of the senior pivots. Miss C. Xavier and Miss I. Mathias

were the best of the forward line. The former displayed good stick work and her first goal was the result of some neat reverse stick work.

"Y" ladies had little difficulty with St. Andrew's juniors whom they beat by seven goals to nil. Mrs. V. Fowler scored five goals. Saints had several scoring chances, however, but failed.

As the result of Recreio losing a point against C.B.A. it seems that Diocesan Schoolgirls, who were not engaged on Saturday, will finish up, at least runner-up for the Brawn Cup Competition.

Recreio should have won this game with something to spare but their forwards were very weak in front of goal.

The annual match between the Bank and Club resulted in a draw of 9-all but failed to come up to expectations, Charter holding up the Club's superior attack as the result of selfishness at fly-half. Bosanquet and Wilson were starved on the wing, and the Rugby Bank centres were much too deadly in their tackling

to allow a break through in the centre. Matthews played well for the Bank, as did Bompas and Kennedy at forward. For Club, Macrae, Walkden and Bidwell (a forward) shone in the pack.

Army "A" were too good for Navy "A" as the result of Sutherland's fine hooking and they deserved their win by 14-5. Giblin and Jones were impressive in the centre and Coombe initiated many fine back movements. At forward Ford, Sheldrake and Evens were prominent. Taylor was quite the best Navy player, the backs being handicapped by the fact that they had to secure possession only as the result of mistakes by their opposites.

Capt. Grose of Army was the outstanding batsman in Saturday's League Cricket when he scored 69 while Capt. Skipworth (Army) and Gegg (University) were next with 44.

A. M. Omar of Craigengower juniors, obtained the best bowling figures with 6 for 30 but several other bowlers also secured six wickets during the afternoon.

Following are the leading performances in Saturday's cricket programme:—

BATTING	
Capt. Grose (Army)	69
Capt. Skipworth (Army)	44
W. S. Gegg (University)	44
F. R. Zimmer (C.C.C.)	41
E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	36
C. Pope (P.R.C.)	36
W. L. Clarke (P.R.C.)	36
F. J. Lay (K.C.C. 2nd)	34
H. A. Barros (Rec. 2nd)	33
A. V. Gosano (Rec. 2nd)	33
J. E. Noronha (Rec. 2nd)	32
K. Y. Tam (University)	31
E. A. Lee (C.C.C.)	30
M. I. Razaek (I.R.C. 2nd)	30
E. Zimmer (C.C.C.)	29
T. Lock (C.C.C. 2nd)	29
D. J. N. Anderson (K.C.C.)	27
Bowling	
A. M. Omar (C.C.C. 2nd)	6 for 30
Ainalle (C.C.C. 2nd)	6 for 35
A. el Arculli (I.R.C. 2nd)	6 for 36
Gutierrez (Recreio 2nd)	6 for 44
B. D. Lay (K.C.C. 2nd)	5 for 35
Lee (K.C.C.)	5 for 62
Danbrowsky (Police)	4 for 11
Winch (C.C.C.)	4 for 30
Barros (Rec. 2nd)	4 for 40
Fowler (C.B.A.)	4 for 41
Hong Choy (University)	4 for 46

PROBABLE TEAM

V. M. Benwell and T. Lockhart; V. C. Bond and Datta Ram; Lt. G. W. Hook, W. A. Reed and N. B. M. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, Lt. Pritam Nath, Sgt. Homburg, Nerein Singh and Partaub Singh.

self well and is very good with the reverse stick, while Datta Ram rarely makes a mistake with his stick and is an exceptionally hard hitter, a most necessary attribute against a team of the speed of Macao's.

Although Lockhart has been nominated as an alternative custodian, there is little doubt in my mind that the position will go to V. M. Benwell, of Club, now showing more confidence than at any other time in his career.

Although there will be various schools of thought who will feel that other selections might be more worthy, the selectors could not do much better than to leave the team as it now stands and utilise the time remaining before the match in welding this team into the formidable unit that only practice together is required to make it.

Following teams took part in yesterday's trial:—

Whites:—U. B. Souza (Radio); Datta Ram (Rajputanas); V. C. Bond (Club); Capt. G. W. Hook (R.A.); W. A. Reed (Club); N. Whitley (C.B.A.); Shah Wali (Rajputanas); Homburg (R.E.); Pritam Nath (Rajputanas); Nerein Singh (Kumaons); Partaub Singh (Kumaons).

Colours:—V. M. Benwell (Y.M.C.A.); R. Reed (Nomads); J. Gonsalves (Recreio); T. Alves (Recreio); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Krishna Singh (Kumaons); S. A. Fowler (Club); P. O. Gemmell (Navy); G. H. Fowler (Club); P. O. Gemmell (Navy); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); J. Soares (Recreio).

TENNIS

SAME OLD PLAYERS IN COLONY TOURNEY

(By "ADREM")

PROBABLY BECAUSE of the persistent lack of new blood, interest in this year's Colony tennis tournament, which starts to-day at Hong Kong Cricket Club, weather permitting, appears to be less than ever.

With the possible exception of Lee Wai-tong and Teddy Fincher, from the singles, all the old hands have entered, and without a match having been played, it does not take anyone blessed with prophetic instincts to forecast the eventual winners of both the singles and the doubles.

Only match to-day which might provide

some interest is the tie between two seasoned combinations, in Paul Kong and Szeto Bick, and Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing, the latter being finalists last year.

UNKNOWN FORM

At the present juncture it is almost impossible to forecast a result—current form is an unknown quantity—but having regard to Ho's fine overhead work and Lee's all-round steadiness were decisive

DENNIS'S 305-YARD HOLE IN ONE

There has been quite an epidemic of holes-in-one on the local golf courses recently. Yet another was registered yesterday, A. J. Dennis, on the New Course at Fanling doing the 305-yard seventh ("The Promised Land") in one stroke.

factors in their success. I feel that they should win.

A story going the rounds states that Ho Ka-lau is withdrawing from the tournament but nothing official to this effect will be available until this afternoon.

Only interest in the remainder of to-day's programme will be the showing of the new Cricket Club combination, T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay, who will be oppos-

LA SALLE SPORTS

La Salle College will hold their annual sports on the College ground on Friday, March 15, Mr. W. L. Handyside, Senior Inspector of English Schools, will give away the prizes. There will be an Old Boys' race (800 metres) and an Inter-School Relay Race.

to the showing of the latter pair last scored to T. C. Chan and Marsland Ma.

Following is the programme:—

OPEN SINGLES

R. G. Biesel Jr. v. J. R. Turner (6).

Y. C. Lau v. Wei Chung (7).

OPEN DOUBLES

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. J. S. Theobald and S. M. Garrard (4).

Paul Kong and B. Szeto v. Ho Ka-lau and Lee Yue-wing (5).

T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay v. T. C. Chan and Marsland Ma (8).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

J. J. Ferguson v. A. H. Barwell (1).

R. C. Bevan v. J. C. Pool (2).

E. Zulauf v. D. M. MacDougall (3).

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THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at ST. JOHN'S PLACE (opposite the lower Peak Tram Station) on TUESDAY, the 5th March, from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and on WEDNESDAY, the 6th March, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 28th February, 1940.

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Bowen Road (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	2124
Kowloon Peak	1971

NAZI PLANES AGAIN OVER BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

While the Foreign Ministry was still awaiting the German reply to the Belgian protest note against the shooting down of Belgian planes on Sunday, it is learned that many planes of "unknown nationality" again violated Belgian territory yesterday morning.

This time, they flew over the Malmédy district, and also the Brussels region and Malines.

There is no doubt that the aircraft were German, for they dropped leaflets entitled "The French Yellow Book is a new admission of British and French guilt in the war."

Meanwhile, the whole press has very indignantly adopted the most violent tone towards the Reich. INTOLERABLE AND SCANDALOUS "Nation Belge" declares:—

"It is an intolerable and scandalous aggression. It is time the Reich understood that such attacks must not be renewed."

"Libre Belgique" declares:—

"Belgian public opinion is entitled to expect German apologies and reparations."

MINISTER'S WARNING

In a statement to the press, M. Spaak the Foreign Minister, said that Belgium insists on full respect being paid to the integrity of her territory.

He added:—
"Our army has been strengthened, our defence system is ready. Hence, anyone attempting to pass through our

FIRMNESS WORKS WITH THE NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

A U-boat stopped the Dutch ship Soesterdijk en route to Holland from New York with a cargo of maize.

After a brief examination, the submarine commander allowed the steamer to continue its journey.

Observers are of the opinion that the German attitude towards Holland has changed since the torpedoing of the Arendskerke, which carried a cargo identical with that carried by the Soesterdijk.

The change in the German attitude is attributed to Dutch retaliatory measure. The Dutch Government held up foodstuffs sent to Germany and placed a strict control over all "charity parcels" sent to the Reich.—Havas.

TOKYO RIOTS MYSTERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Tokyo headquarters of the Mitsui Company and a humble police station were both the targets of a strange mystification when they received anonymous letters strongly warning them of forthcoming riots in Tokyo.

The Metropolitan Police Board is now checking up on the matter, and it was discovered that similar letters have found their way also to several addresses in Takamatsu, on Shikoku Island, adding to the mystery.—Havas.

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NORTH CHINA ECONOMIC CONCERNS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Although the present holding companies of North and Central China will remain in Japanese hands after the formation of Wang Ching-wei's puppet government, measures will be taken gradually to restore the economic enterprises to China, sources close to Wang Ching-wei reveal.

The re-organization will be effected from the bottom up—the companies entering into holding concerns will be re-organized first.

The principal measure will be the transformation of Japanese capital investment into debentures, thus giving the Chinese absolute control of the enterprises, on condition that they gradually reimburse the Japanese investors.—Havas.

AMBASSADORS MAY RETURN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

SO FAR, IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ANY RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TALK BETWEEN MR. SUMNER WELLES AND HITLER.

It is thought, however, that a possible result of the talk will be that Germany and the United States will send their respective Ambassadors back. They were withdrawn when America showed her disapproval of Nazi policy.—Havas.

STORMBOUND SHIPS SEARCHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ankara, To-day.

It is reported that heavy seas compelled several Turkish sailing ships to take shelter in the Soviet port of Batum.

The Soviet authorities put them through a thorough search.—Havas.

BIG FAMILY DAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

It was "Big Family Day" in Italy yesterday and prizes were distributed all over the country to mothers of big families.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved rapidly into the Pacific to the east of the Bonins; another may be developing over China. Pressure is relatively low Indo-China.

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DEATH

CUMMING — At Kowloon on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940, at the age of 62 years, Mrs. F. A. Cumming, widow of the late Frederick Alexander Cumming of Shanghai, and dearly beloved mother of Arthur and Michael Cumming of London, and of Mrs. I. L. Berthet and Mrs. S. D. Begg. The funeral service will be held in the Chapel of the Colonial Cemetery at 5 p.m. to-day.

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